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$500,000.00 Masonic Temple Nearing Completion At Birmingham, Ala.

—Birmingham Reporter

That the Masonic auditorium will be ready for the Grand Lodge of Masons when they meet here on the 21st of August is affirmed by officers, architects and the Windham Brothers Construction Company who have charge of the building. The column brick work is practically completed and the press brick and stone work will be finished within thirty days according to statements of President T. C. Windham. The work is proceeding as rapidly as can be expected, considering the inability to get the necessary and suitable material as required by the plans of the building. The interior work, plumbing, heating, plastering and placing marble tile is soon to begin and when this is done the building will present a more attarctive appearance and inspection will be in order.

The company is advancing as rapidly as it is physically possible to do considering all the circumstances, according to the contractors and not withstanding the rush on the part of builders, material continues to go up and prices on everything constantly increasing. It is believed, however, that the first five stories will come within range of the contracted price and the whole proposition will be completed in a short while, including additions.

In talking to a representative of this publication, President Windham made the following statement in part:

"We are having some little delay in the completion of the Masonic Temple at Fourth Avenue and Seventeenth street, but when we have finished I feel safe in saying that the Masons will have one of the most complte and up-to-date buildings owned by our people anywhere. Our delay has been due chiefly to the inability of cut stone contractors to supply the stones promptly. This has given us more delay, perhaps than any other one thing. On or about the first of September two large and well equipped elevators wil be installed and the Masons can begin to let the building out to tenants or be secure in making arrangements on a given date of completion."

Much of the material for the finishing work is already here and stored in warehouses and when these finishing touches are placed the attraction will be marvelous and pleasing. Fire doors, rolling partitions, metal sash, polished wire and sash and other high-classedfurnishings are already shipped according to contractors and much of it is in local warehouses. The concrete floors and metal lathes are already installed; reinforced concrete slab carrying roof load pronounced by Hinkle Brothers, local roofing concern, a being one of the best in the state of Alabama is also placed.

The building when completed will be a fine expression of the ability of Negro contractors, and will express to some degree the vision of the Masons of Alabama.

York Masons Re-Elect St. Louisans For Another Year

At the 58th Annual Communication of St. Andrews Grand Lodge of the Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons (National Compact) in and for the State of Missouri, held in Kansas City, Mo., Sept. 4, 5,, A. L. 5928, A. D. 1923, re-elected Mr Arthur J. Smith Grand Master. Mr Smith is well known in St. Louis having affiliated with organized labor here for years.

The Rev. W. I. Burch of St. Louis, was re-elected Grand Secretary by acclamation.

This was the greatest session of St. Andrews Grand Lodge in years Nothing but harmony prevailed. The National Grand Master, Prof. S. S Simmons of Atlanta, Ga., said for years he has been watching Missouri but could see nothing nor hear nothing from the show-me state but complaints and confusions, but that God hears the tramp of feet by the thousands of York Masons and Heroines of Jericho in this old State

The Grand Master's annual address was a masterpiece, covering every phase and fact regarding York Rite Masonry and the National Compacts in America from Prince Hall, through the rugged scenes and struggles of Captain W. D. Mathews to the present date, and on that our legitimacy and origin is without question, being the only Masons of color incoporated in the United States of America, and practically every state in the Union, and especially in the commonwealth of Missouri. He sat down amid cheers.

Rev. W. I. Burch gave a report of his work since becoming Secretary June 6th last ,which was the best rendered in 40 years through his office at 2903 Morgan St., and in session, more than $600.00 had been collected, and when the show down was called, he put the money on the table had the committee to count it in open odge, amid cheers and tears of joy was he greeted, for never before had this been done. This was a grand and glorious session.

The following officers were elected for 12 months more:

Arthur J. Smith, St. Louis, Grand Master.

Elijah Moore, Kansas City, Deputy Grand Master.

L. H. Oten, St Louis, Grand S Warden.

Bert Cliff, Kansas City, Grand J. Warden.

W. I. Burch, St. Louis, Grand Secretary.

L. S. Dooley, St. Louis, Grand Treasurer.

The Grand Master elected appointed the following: Geo. Jones, Kansas City, Grand S. Deacon; C. L. Pipkins, St. Louis, Grand J. Deacon; Chas. Powell, St. Louis, Grand S. Steward; Rufus Ewing, K. C., Grand J. Steward; Judge Geo. T. Warson, K. C., Grand Lecturer; W. M. Thornton, K. C., Grand Marshall; M. J. Robinson, K. C., Grand S. Bearer; A. Z. Bowles, St. Louis, Organizer; R. H. Williams, St. Louis, Grand Persuviant; A. Hill, K. C., Grand Tyler; Rev. M. J. Jackson, St. Louis, Grand Chaplain; C. H. Bradford, St. Louis, D. D. G. M.

The Heroines of Jericho re-elected Mrs. Mattie B. Evans of Kansas City without a dissenting vote, as Most Ancient Matron; Mrs. Melvina Marshall of St. Louis, Grand Senior Matron.

The 59th annual communication will be held in St. Louis next fall 1924.

The victory has been achieved and won on Greal's side, so look out for the next session of St. Andrews Grand Lodge and a glorious time Thanking all St. Louisans in advance, we are,

Fraternally yours,

Free and Accepted Ancient York Masons (National Compact) and Heroines of Jericho

ENGLISH LORD GAVE MASONIC PATENT TO BOSTON NEGRO

Prince Hall Made Worshipful Master of African Lodge on Sept. 29, 1784.

By Lester A. Walton.

The ancestry of Negro Freemasonry in the United States, generally termed "Prince Hall Masonry," antedates by sixteen months the adoption of the Declaration of Independence.

On March 6, 1775, in a British Army Lodge holding a warrant under the Grand Lodge of England, and attached to one of the regiments stationed in or near Boston, commanded by Gen. Gage, Prince Hall and fourteen other negroes were duly initiated and admitted as members of good standing in the Masonic fraternity.

Nine years later the fifteen Negro Masons, all of whom resided in Boston, applied to the Grand Lodge of England for permission to be set apart as a regular lodge. The application was granted and a warrant issued them Sept. 29, 1784, authorizing the setting up of a regular lodge to be known as African Lodge, No. 459, with Prince Hall as master.

It was not until about April 29, 1787, that the warrant from the Mother Grand Lodge of the World was received, the delay in delivery being primarily due to chaotic conditions superinduced by strained relations existing between the Colonies and Great Britain. Four days after the warrant had been turned over to Prince Hall and his colleagues, the African Lodge was organized and entered on the English Registry with other Colonial Masonic bodies.

The original warrant issued by the Grand Lodge of England to the fifteen Negroes is to this day kept in a vault in Boston by the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. The document reads as follows:

WARRANT OF CONSTITUTION, A. G. M.

To All and Every:

Our Right Worshipful and Loving Brethren: We, THOMAS HOWARD, Earl of Effingham, Lord Howard, &c., Acting Grand Master, under the authority of His Royal Highness Henry Frederick, Duke of Cumberland, &c., Grand Master of the Most Ancient and Honorable Society of Free and Accepted Masons, send greeting:

Know ye that we, at the humble petition of our Right Trusty and well-beloved brethren, Prince Hall, Boston Smith, Thomas Sanderson, and several brethren residing in Boston, New England, in North America, do hereby constitute the said brethren into a regular Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, under the title or denomination of African Lodge, to be opened in Boston, aforesaid, and do further, as their said petition and of the great trust and confidence reposed in every of the said above named brethren, hereby appoint the said Prince Hall to be Master; Boston Smith, Senior Warden; and Thomas Sanderson, Junior and for such further time only as shall be thought by the brethren thereof, it being our will that this, our appointment of the above officers, shall in no wise affect any future election of officers of said Lodge, but that such election shall be regulated, agreeable to such By-Laws of the said Lodge as shall be consistent with the Grand Laws of the society, contained in the Book of Constitutions; and we hereby will, and require of you, the said Prince Hall Lodge, to take special care that all and every, the said brethren, are to have been regularly made Masons, and that they do observe, perform, and keep all the rules and orders contained in the Book of Constitutions; and further, that you do from time to time cause to be entered, in a book kept for that purpose, an account of your proceedings in the Lodge, together with all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made for the good government of the same, that in no wise you omit in every year to send to us, or our successors, Grand Masters, or Rowland Holt, Esq., our Deputy Grand Master, for the time being, an account of your said proceeding, and copies of all such Rules, Orders and Regulations as shall be made as aforesaid, together with the list of the members of the Lodge, and reasonably be expected toward the Grand Charity.

Moreover, we will, and require of you, the said Prince Hall, as soon as conveniently may be, to send an account in writing of what may be done by virtue of these presents.

Given at London, under our hand and seal of Masonry, this 29th day of September, A. L. 5784, A. D. 1784, by the Grand Master's command.

[SEAL]

R. HOLT, Deputy Grand Master.

Attest: WILLIAM WHITE,, Grand Secretary.

In 1797 Prince Hall as Grand Master or Provisional Grand Master, issued a license to thirteen Negroes in

Philadelphia to establish a lodge in the Quaker City. About the same time another body of Negro Masons was organized by authorization of Prince Hall in Providence, R. I. The lodges of Boston, Philadelphia and Providence formed the African Grand Lodge of Massachusetts which, in 1808, after the death of Prince Hall, was changed to the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. From this source Negro Masons spread throughout the United States. There are said to be more than one hundred thousand financial Prince Hall Masons.

Prince Hall was a Negro of marked ability and served in the American Army during the Revolutionary War. He was born in Barbadoes, B. W. I., Sept. 12, 1748. In March, 1765, the founder of Negro Masonry in this country landed at Boston from a British trading vessel, having worked a passage from Bridgeton, Barbadoes.

The seventeen-year-old immigrant joined the colony of free Negroes. He took up the study of ministry and was ordained a Methodist preacher. Prince Hall was small of stature, a forceful speaker and wielded a potent influence among free Negroes. He died Dec. 7, 1807.

To-day, with few exceptions, in every State where there is a Negro Grand Lodge of Masons it has been named for the Master of the first Negro Masonic Lodge in the United States.

The Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York is raising funds through the sale of bonds to erect a Prince Hall Memorial Temple to cost $400,000. The site selected for the proposed temple is located at 144th Street, near Seventh Avenue, having a frontage of 125 feet and a depth of 100 feet. The building will consist of three stories and basement and be provided with two elevators.

Prominent officials of the Prince Hall Grand Lodge of the State of New York actively interested in the project are: David W. Parker, Grand Master; Arthur A. Schomburg, Grand Secretary; Harry A. Williamson, Grand Historian; Louis Jeppe, Grand Orator; C. E. Cyril, Grand Registrar; Harvey E. William, Grand Treasurer; James A. Porter, Grand Lecturer, and Eugene S. Plummer, Senior Grand Warden.

FRATERNAL SOCIETY HOLDS MEETING

The Freeman, Indianapolis

MEMPHIS, Tenn., Oct. 6 — Last Monday morning, a large number of the leading Negroe of the tri-State territory, reresenting the various secret societies, such as the Royal Circle of Friends, the Wise Men and Women of the World, the Order of the Immaculates, the Knights of Pythias, the Jugamos, the Mosaic Templars, the Odd Fellows, the Masons, met in called session at the New Prospect Baptist church and formed an organization known as the National Secret Fraternal Congress, to meet annually and in special sessions, comprisig delegates and members from the various Negro fraternal societies throughout the country. 10/7/22

WHITE SHRINERS LOSE FIGHT FOR JIM CROW LODGE

Chicago Defender

Judge Tells Them They Ought to Be Proud to Have Race Help to Build Order

10-7-22

Little Rock, Ark., Oct. 6.—White Shriners have been defeated after a year's protracted litigation in their effort to have a permanent injunction issued restraining non-white Shriners from using a name nearly similar to theirs or from wearing the same emblems.

The petition for an injunction was denied by Chancellor Martineau in the chancery court. In ruling against the white Shriners Judge Martineau pointed out that, even if they were right, the whites had waited too long now to seek to disrupt or impede the non-white order. He informed them that rather than seek to block Race Shriners, they should be proud that the best members of the Race should be willing to ally themselves with the organization.

Employ Chicago Lawyers

The law firm of Denison, Watkins & White of Chicago was employed to represent the Race Shriners. These attorneys showed that the Race organization had been established in 1893 and incorporated in 1901. Since that time Race members of the order have worn their pins openly and their meetings have been advertised, thus giving the whites, if they had a case, a chance to object long before the second order got established.

White Shriners have decided to appeal the case to the United States supreme court.

The Race lodge, the Ancient Egyptian Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, was proved to be a direct outgrowth of the order founded in Egypt 4,000 years before Christ. The pyramids of Egypt contain many of the emblems of the order of Mystic Shrine, and the excavations of buried cities in Africa show that the order of Mystic Shrine was practiced there over 6,000 years ago.

The order was reinstituted at Cairo, where an American tragedian, Wm. J. Florence, was initiated. He brought the order to America and introduced it to Dr. Walter M. Fleming, who established the first temple among the white Masons of this country in 1872.

How Order Started

In 1893 Rofelt Pasha, an imperial deputy of the imperial council of the order of Mystic Shrine at Mecca, Arabia, initiated 14 Race Masons of the Knights Templar and 33d degree at Chicago, June 1. June 10 John G. Jones, who had been given the authority of an imperial potentate by Rofelt Pasha, organized the grand imperial council at Chicago. That was the beginning. It has been practiced in the state of Arkansas and Texas, where the attack came, since 1893.

SHRINER INJUNCTION CASE IS CONTINUED BY AGREEMENT OF COUNSEL FOR FUTURE HEARING

The Houston Informer — Houston, Texas 10/21/22

The attorneys for the plaintiffs (white Shriners) in their case against the colored Shriners, having announced that they were not ready to go to trial in the hearing called for last Monday to determine the dissolution or perpetuation of the temporary injunction against the colored order, the case, upon agreement by counsel for both sides, has been continued to another term of the Fifty-Fifth District Court, Judge Ewing Boyd presiding. This course was decided upon Wednesday after counsel for plaintiffs asked for additional time to prepare their argument and take depositions.

The suit is styled D. W. Michaux, et al., vs. A. H. Burrell, et al., and is a temporary injunction granted by Judge Boyd, in chambers, last spring, upon prayer of the local white Shriners, against Doric Temple No. 76, A. E. A. O. N. M. S. of North America, South America and its jurisdiction. Homer E. McCoy, one of the joint owners of the Peoples Pharmacy, is illustrious potentate of the local temple.

The injunction, as granted, was one of the most novel and unusual of its kind ever promulgated by a district court, as it not only sought to restrain the colored Shriners of Houston and Texas from wearing the regalia, paraphernalia, emblem, etc., of the Shrine order, but also attempted to place the ban upon colored Shriners throughout the jurisdiction.

Just when the case will be called and heard and what will be the final outcome, seems to be all the engrossing question among colored Shriners here. By continuing the case the temporary restraining order against the colored Shriners is still in effect.

The colored Shriners had an array of legal talent seldom witnessed in a Southern court house, including Attorneys S. A. T. Watkins and White of Chicago, Judge Carmichael of Arkansas and Attorneys W. M. C. Dickson of Houston and M. H. Broyles, Los Angeles, Calif., former Houston barrister

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United Knights and Daughters of Africa.

A. U. K. & D. of A. WILL HOLD SESSION NEXT WEEK

St. Louis

Welcome

The Sixteenth Annual Session and First National Encampment of the National Grand Council of the Ancient United Knights and Daughters of Africa wil be held here, beginning Monday, August 6, ending Saturday, August 11. Great preparations are being made for their entertainment. The drill grounds at Compton and Market are already covered with tents and booths and the Uniform Rank Departments are now arriving. The Uniform Rank, under the command of Maj. Gen. J. A Shackelford, will be quartered at the grounds.

The Council will convene Monday, Aug. 6, at 9 a. m. and continue in session until 6 p. m. at Metropolitan A. M. E. Z. Church. Tuesday, Aug. 7, Grand Public Reception to delegates and friends at Y. W. C. A. Aud. 8:30 to 12 p. m. Friday, Aug. 10. Great spectacular Parade at high noon, thru principal streets and a great Military Ball and Competitive Drill will be featured by the ladies and Sir Knights, at the Coliseum, at night A. U. K. and D. of A. First Regiments Bands of Missouri, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio will furnish music for the occasion The admission will be 50c.

The Indiana Delegation, with a band of 25 pieces, will arrive Sunday morning at 8:45. The Chicago delegation will arrive in two sections of about 400, with a band of 25 pieces, Sunday morning. A large delegation is expected from Baltimore, New York, Washington, Philadelphia, Pittsburg and Columbus, Ohio.

K. AND D. OF AFRICA END MEETING

The Chicago Defender

Chicago, Ill.

By M. T. BAILEY

St. Louis, Mo., Aug. 24.—The tenth annual session of the national grand council of A. U. K. & D. of A. and the first national encampment were held at the Metropolitan A. M. E. church here Aug. 6 to 11, inclusive. It was the most successful session held in the history of the order. Sunday morning, Aug. 5, 250 delegates in special trains arrived from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati, New York, Philadelphia, Boston and smaller groups came from New Jersey, Iowa, Connecticut and California. Accompanying the Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and Cincinnati delegations were the uniform departments and bands. Leaving the trains, the bands and military departments marched directly to Camp William Herbert Fields, where preparations had been made for them. Other delegates found their way to places which had been prepared prior to their arrival. The St. Louis band of A. U. K. & D. of A and hostesses of the city were present to escort the visitors to their stopping places.

Monday morning at 10 o'clock, the national grand master, William H. Fields, called the national grand council to order, appointed committee on credentials, delivered his annual address, and on resolutions presented by M. T. Bailey of Chicago, chairman of the publicity committee, the national grand council recessed to pay homage to the late President of the United States, Warren G. Harding.

Afternoon session: Addresses of welcome were delivered by the Hon. Crittenden E. Clark, the Rev. T. R. Mopkin, the Hon. A. W. Lloyd. Responses by the Rev. S. D. Davis, the Rev. John I. Johnson, the Rev. Mr. Fisher, Mrs. Bertha T. Burckner, followed by responses by other state and grand officers. In the evening, 2,000 delegates and friends went on a boat excursion up the Mississippi river.

Tuesday was taken up by reports from the state grand queens of Illinois, Missouri, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania. Tuesday evening, grand public reception to delegates at the Y. W. C. A.

Wednesday, reports of most excellent queens and mother queens of the various councils and juveniles throughout the jurisdiction. In the afternoon, delegates marched in a body to the camp, as that was camp night for the uniform department. There was a dress parade and addresses by J. W. Calhoun, circuit judge, and W. T. Finley, secretary to the mayor.

Thursday, continuation of reports and the big parade, the greatest ever held in St. Louis, was pulled off at 12 o'clock noon, being changed from Friday on account of the funeral of the late President, Warren G. Harding. This parade covered 60 blocks through the prinripal part of the city, business and residence districts. In the evening, the international reception at the Y. W. C. A.

Thursday, election of grand officers Principal officers elected were: William Herbert Fields, national grand master Dr. George M. Cathrell of St. Louis, national grand secretary-treasurer; the Rev. S. D. Davis of Indianapolis, national deputy grand master; Dr. M. R Bibb, chicago, national medical director; the Rev. T. L. Scott, Chicago, national grand chaplain; Ella L. Holmes, Chicago, national grand queen. Among the state grand queens reelected were: Eliza Jackson, Illinois; Ada Harris, Missouri; Ada Goins, Indiana; Margaret J. Green, Connecticut; Elizabeth Kimbrough, New York; Ella B. Cato, Ohio; Mattie Coles, Virginia, and Josephine Cunningham, Massachusetts.

In the evening, competitive drills at the great coliseum were held, in which thousands of dollars in prizes were awarded companies from Chicago, Indianapolis, Cleveland and St. Louis. Eight thousand people witnessed the drills.

Saturday, installation of officers, juvenile convention and reception were held.

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United Grand Guilds, Heroines of Templar Crusaders.

CRUSADERS MEET IN TWO-DAY SESSION AT MASONIC HALL

St. Louis Union

Fannie G. W. McDonald Presides—Seven New Guilds Formed—Exchange Greetings With Doctors.

St. Louis, Mo

By Rebecca Perry,

Reporter to American Stimulators.

The United Grand Guild, Heroines of Templar Crusades of Missouri and Jurisdiction, held a most successful two days' session in their sixth annual conclave at the Masonic Temple, 3615 Easton avenue, Monday and Tuesday August 27th and 28th. The supreme grand princess captain, Fannie G. W. McDonald, 3425 Lawton boulevard, St. Louis, Mo., presided.

9-7-23

The welcome address was given in behalf of the local guilds and the citizenry of St. Louis by Miss Peggy Marie Milton, princess captain of Onward Guild No. 1, Heroines of the Templar Crusades and secretary of the local committee. The response was made by Mrs. Jennie McDaniel, assistant grand princess captain, Pittsburgh, Pa.

On Tuesday afternoon, Mrs. Julia Lockhardt, princess captain of Mt. Calvary Guild No. 11; Miss Peggy Marie Milton, and Miss Genevieve M. Reuben, supreme royal secretary, 3734 State street, Chicago, Ill., were appointed to convey greetings to the National Medical Association, in annual session at the Pine Street Y. M. C. A. By vote of the association a committee of three was appointed to draft greetings and convey them to the Grand Guild.

Grand Princess' Address.

The annual address of the supreme grand princess captain teemed with good thoughts and reports of much successful work done. Three new guilds and four clubs for prospective new guilds were reported. Her recommendation that the Grand Guild amend its Constitution and By-Laws to permit the honor of past princess captain, past royal advisor, past grand princess captain and past grand royal advisor for meritorious service was approved by the Grand Guild. Provisions were also made for an endowment fund for leath.

Honors Conferred.

The honors of past grand princess captain were conferred for meritorious service upon Mrs. Pearl M. Dabney, 915 Howard street, Kansas City, Mo., who served as grand secretary for six years; Mrs. Jennie McDaniel, assistant grand princess captain for three years; Mrs. Susie Gibbs, grand and subordinate cross bearer for eight years; and Miss Genevieve M. Reuben, secretary, press correspondent and various other services to the supreme grand princess captain, the international conference and the jurisdiction of Missouri for the past five years. The action was taken in each case upon recommendation from the resolution committee, upon vote of the Grand Guild.

Officers Elected.

The officers elected for the ensuing year were: Grand princess captain Fannie G. W. McDonald; grand royal advisor, Sir G. W. McDonald; assistant grand princess captain, Jennie McDaniel; grand first lieutenant, Peggy Marie Wilton; grand second liteutenant, Julia Lockhardt; grand commissary, Emma Williams; grand cross bearer, Susie Gibbs; grand treasurer Hattie Watkins; grand inner sentinel Ruth M. Manuel, grand reporter, Rebecca Perry.

Deputies Appointed.

In order to spread and yet assist in unifying the work, a number of deputies were appointed as follows: Grand lecturer and deputy grand princess captain, northwestern part of the United States, Genevieve M. Reuben, Chicago, Ill.; deputy grand princess captain northeastern part of the United States, Jennie McDaniel, 58 Crawford street, Pittsburgh, Pa.; deputy grand princess captain, Missouri and southwestern part of United States, Pearl M. Dabney, 915 Howard street, Kansas City, Mo.; district deputy grand princess captain, Susie Gibbs, St. Louis; deputy princess captain over St. Louis Guilds, Mary McCauley, St. Louis, Mo.; deputy grand royal advisor, Oklahoma and Arkansas, Dr. Sir B. J. Easley, 52[illegible] N. Elgin, Tulsa, Okla.; state deputy grand princess captain, for Texas, Mrs. V. J. Miller, 610 S. Akerd street, Dallas, Tex.; state deputy grand princess captain for Michigan, Mrs. Margaret Blackburn, 3105 St. Antwyne street, Detroit, Mich.

The seventh annual conclave will convene in August, 1924, at the call of the supreme grand princess captain.

Special Memorial Services.

The Grand Guild memorialized the late Sir Edward E. Moore, instructor of Union Guild No. 2, Chicago, Ill.; Sir Paul S. Jones, grand royal advisor, Ohio Grand Guild; Sir S. Rodgers, past royal advisor Onward Guild No. 1, St. Louis, Mo.; the brothers of assistant grand princess captain, Jennie McDaniel; sister of the grand royal advisor, Sir George W. McDonald; mother of the grand first lieutenant, Peggy Marie Milton; and four relatives of the supreme grand princess captain, Fannie G. W. McDonald, as well as the deceased members of the subordinate guilds. Special song and prayer services were held in these ceremonies.

Outing and Entertainment.

The out-of-town visitors were the guests of Miss Peggy Marie Milton in a number of automobile outings and an excursion on the steamboat St. Paul. The place and courtesy committee prepared special luncheon at noon each day of the session at the hall. Those on the committee were Mmes. Emma Williams, chairman; Ruth M. Manuel, Julia Lockhardt, Rebecca Perry, R. Strapp, Susie Gibbs, Hattie Watkins and Peggy Marie Milton.

The Degrees.

The Heroines Templar Crusades Degree was conceived by the late Sir Milton F. Fields, 33rd degree, St. Louis, in 1915. At his demise in 1917 the entire work with the honor and title of permanent supreme grand princess captain was bequeathed by him to Mrs. Fannie G. W. McDonald. Her husband, Sir G. W. McDonald, has spent thousands of dollars to promote the work which is now established in twenty-two states in this country, Canada and Mexico. The biennial conclave of the International Conference of Heroines Templar Crusades convenes at the seat of the International Conference of Knight Templars, of which Sir Jose Henry Sherwood is now president. The next biennial conclave will be in Pittsburg, August, 1924.

Grand Lecturer.

At this annual conclave of Missouri Jurisdiction, the grand lecturer, Miss Genevieve M. Reuben, of Chicago, demonstrated the test and the military features of entering, leaving and man-

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

Fort Worth White Citizens Entertained Colored Order; Houston Band Decided Hit

Ind Houston Negroes
8/4/23 Houston Texas.

Special to The Informer.

Fort Worth, Texas, July 30, 1923.—When the famous Roman warrior, Julius Caesar, won a notable martial victory with his fighting legions, he sent this famous message to the home folks: "Veni, vidi, vici," ("I came, I saw, I conquered.") Referring to the recent grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, they came, saw, conquered and were conquered; for this great city did herself proud in the entertainment of the delegates and visitors, who left here singing the praises of the colored and white citizens of this, the "convention city of Texas."

Never before in the annals of colored fraternities in Texas has any city shown such a wide-open and hospitable spirit as that manifested by the Panthervillians; and especially Mayor E. R. Cockrell, who delivered the welcome address and threw wide the gates of the city to the delegates.

So royally did the white citizens entertain the delegates and visitors that many were heard to ask, "What manner of town is this that even the white citizens are ever mindful of our welfare and well being?"

The Chamber of Commerce furnished the entire grand lodge automobiles for a 30-mile sightseeing trip around Lake Worth; there being fully 180 cars in the caravan; municipal officials saw to it that all signs calculated to insult and humiliate the colored delegates upon their visit to this resort, were removed and they were treated cordially and courteously by all.

Another novel entertainment feature was a big free barbecue at Trinity Park, where the city officials turned over the amusement center to the colored visitors and even the park venders sold their wares to these delegates at half the prevailing price. Special street cars were provided for all the delegates and visitors and the spread consisted of barbecued meats, ice cream and cold drinks. A moving picture machine was placed in operation and a big film made of this unique occasion, which will be flashed on the screen in the various colored playhouses throughout Texas.

Grand Master W. F. Bledsoe, Marshall, was the usual master of the situation and harmony and peace prevailed during the entire session.

Opening Program.

The United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten held their grand opening at the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday evening July 24th, 1923, at 8:30 p. m. The program was very cordially received under the superb direction of Mr. W. F. Bledsoe, Jr., director, and the excellent management of Mr. O. C. Crook, master of ceremonies. The grand opening song was "America," followed by an invocation by the Rev. M. K. Curry. Then came the Harry T. Burleigh Harmony Club for its bit which was an excellent rendition of "Greeting Spring."

His excellency, Mayor E. R. Cockrell, made a welcome address in behalf of the city of Fort Worth. A very commendable response was made by C. H. McGruder of Houston, grand secretary. A very able welcome address was delivered by Rev. H. S. Sims in behalf of the local pastors, a response coming from Rev. B. F. Parks of Victoria. "Swing on the Golden Gate," led by Mrs. N. B. Slater Scott came at an opportune time, refreshing the congregation. A welcome address on behalf of the S. M. T. Sisters of the city was delivered by Sister Eva King and responded to by Mrs. N. E. Taylor of Goliad.

A soprano solo was next in order sung by Miss Marguerite C. Pennybacker. Then came that peer of orators, Dr. G. M. Munchus, who delivered the welcome address in behalf of the U. B. F.'s of the city of Fort Worth. A welcoming address in behalf of the young men of the city by L. E. Trezevant, responded to by the Rev. R. C. Barbour of Galveston and followed by a soprano solo "Goodbye," by Mrs. J. W. Pratt, could not be equaled. Mr. W. D. Donifer brought the greetings from the fraternal organizations of the city followed by the male quartet composed of the Messrs. W. F. Bledsoe, Jr., C. W Hatcher, Jas. Brown and Francis Hatcher. The grand master was presented the gavel by the master of ceremonies, Mr. O. C. Crook.

First Day's Session.

At 10:30, July 24, the U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s of Texas opened their grand lodge meetings at the St James Baptist Church at corner of Second and Harding Streets. The opening was marked with the presence of many out-of-town delegates and citizens of Fort Worth. The program rendered was one that was extremely pleasing through its entirety. The session was taken up principally by the welcome address of Dr. Winn, pastor of the church, and the opening address by the grand master, W. F. Bledsoe.

Among the good things said by Rev Winn were that he had been pastor in his church for thirteen years and that he had broken the old superstition of bad luck and on his thirteenth year had been favored greatly by fate. This year he had a larger membership than ever before and a more attentive membership than before. That the holding of two prominent meetings fell to his lot, that of the present Grand Lodge and the National Baptist convention which meets in September.

Grand Master Bledsoe's address was one of extreme interest, intelligence and information. Those that were not present missed a strong talk full of good things to talk about.

Some of the strong points of his talk were that the monies that are laid up in banks on small interest should be out at work for the purpose of increasing their finance and do some good for the race by loaning to good business propositions which would mean the increase of Negro employment by Negro employers. He stated that the lodge had this year loaned $50,000, $8,000 of this money was loaned to the Union Hospital in Houston, Texas. He also spoke of the need of the women in material help in the advancement of the race. He pleaded with the men of strength and official capacity of other lodges with membership in this lodge to quit trying to sow seeds of discord, quit trying to be usurpers and to get in the harness and work for the betterment and success of this institution.

The musical renditions on the program were a credit to those serving.

Grand Secretary's Report.

In submitting his annual report, Secretary C. H. McGruder of Houston said, among other things:

"The grand master as the chief watchman of the order, as is his custom, has laid down the sound principles of racial uplift and now to you who have come from the length and breadth of this empire state, I, who have watched from the financial tower, the chief of the order as he has gone forth to smite with giant force the enemies of our group and who have seen the harmonious endeavors of our masters, princesses, secretaries deputies and members and chronicle their achievements—to you I can respond to your query with this answer of hope: 'The morning cometh in the order: get ready to sing the song of triumph.'

"We have come to the place where it is necessary to impress that this order is more than an insurance sick-benefit company. When we stipulated a policy in 1907 and caused the signature of the grand master and grand secretary to be attached and the seal of the grand lodge to be impressed thereon, we entered the field of pure insurance. This step required all of the ingenuity of the order to adjust our rates and to convince our membership that inadequate rates meant sorrow and not safety. In 1919 the rate question was practically settled for the benefits now offered. Then we moved out of the twilight of ruin into the sunlight of a sane and sensible financial policy. Now we may go back to the fundamentals of the order and drill our new members into its first principles. Unless this is done, the work of Taylor and his associates, the work of Bledsoe and Bruce and a host of other celebrities, will be forgotten at the next turn of the wheel. I take pride in the fact that our grand master is a member of the committee to revise our ritual and help provide the secret work for the dark races of the world.

"The appeal of our order for members is always heeded by the men of our race possessing common sense. The unthinking will seek the nostrums and palliatives for racial ills that are offered by the quacks who would have you believe that to be able to throw a design that the white race can recognize will bring salvation and safety. The thoughtful know that it is only the heritage that Grand Master Bledsoe would establish through this one pure Negro concern that will create for our people a place in the sun.

A Relief Department.

"Brothers and sisters and lodges and temples very often suffer from fire and storm and other disaster. The appeals sent out seldom bring much relief. This grand lodge would distinguish itself if it established a department supported by free will contributions, the money collected to be paid in accordance with established regulations.

"Respecting our finances, it gives me pleasure to submit the following statement:

STATEMENT.

Ledger Assets.

Book value of real estate	$161,942.04
Mortgage loans	50,703.88
Cash in office	113.14
In banks	40,290.22
Furniture and fixtures	458.65
Total ledger assets	$253,507.93

Non-Ledger Assets.

Real Estate	$ 88,057.90
Interest accrued but not due	2,002.85
Rents	320.00
Assessments in hands of Lodges	4,450.16
Supplies	298.00
Furniture and fixtures	3,039.00
Total non-ledger assets	98,167.97
Total assets	$351,675.90

Liabilities.

Due minors and unadjusted claims	6,407.51
Net resources	$345,268.39

Tireless Workers Rewarded.

Having led the forces of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten for 31 years, Grand Master W. F. Bledsoe was voted a 60-day vacation and $500 for expenses.

Grand Secretary C. H. McGruder will remove from Victoria to Houston and devote his full time to the secretarial office with a salary of $3500 per annum.

Distinguished Persons.

Among the distinguished race leaders present were Dr. J. R. E. Lee, New York City, extension secretary of the National Urban League; Judge William H. Harrison, Chicago, who delivered the founder's day address; Dr. Sutton E. Griggs, Memphis, Tenn., author, lecturer and preacher; Hon. R. L. Smith, Waco, banker and fraternalist; Prof. C. H. Waller, Prairie View head home economics department among colored people of Texas; Dr. J. E. Knox, Austin, who preached the annual memorial sermon.

Official Roster.

The following constitute the grand lodge official roster for another year: Grand Master, W. F. Bledsoe; Deputy Grand Master, B. F. White; Grand Secretary, C. H. McGruder; Assistant Grand Secretary, Dr. C. S. Connor; Grand Treasurer, J. W. Jamison; Grand Medical Examiner, Dr. O. L. Bledsoe; Grand Chaplain, Dr. J. E. Knox; Grand Inner Guard, R. E. Jones; Grand Trustees, William Anderson, Chairman, J. R. Grigsby and P. H. Dean; Grand Councilmen, M. C. Locke, Chairman, D. A. Starks, E. J. Williams and A. H. Raeger; Grievance Committee, W. F. Bledsoe, Sr., chairman, C. H. McGruder, Secretary, J. W. Jamison, N. E. Jones and W. R. Winn

Grand Temple Officers.

Mrs. J. D. McClelland, Palestine Grand Princess; T. D. Bradley, Dallas Grand Vice Princess; Miss E. A. Grigsby, Houston, Grand Secretary; Mrs. E. R. Davis, Houston, Grand Assistant Secretary; Mrs. J. B. Bell, Grand Treasurer; Mrs. Alice Jones, Waco Grand Chaplain; Grand Trustees—Mrs. G. E. Scull, Galveston; Mrs. E. V. Baylor, Paris; Mrs. A. B. Thomas, Waco; Mrs. A. L. Thomas, Ft. Worth Senior Marshal; Mrs. M. E. Spatts Eagle Lake, Junior Marshal; Mrs. L. M. Jones, Gonzales, Inner Gate Keeper; Mrs. H. E. Eckford, Beaumont Outer Gate Keeper; Mrs. Pinkie Brown, Ft. Worth, Joshua.

Grand Princess McClelland appointed the following district deputies: Mrs. F. E. Lewis and Miss E. K. Fairchild San Antonio; Mrs. Maggie Moore, Ft. Worth; Mrs. E. P. Lockett, Kingsville; Mrs. N. E. Taylor, Goliad; Miss L. M. Jones, Gonzales; Mrs. M. J. Campbell, Conroe; Mrs. J. D. Holman Longview; Mrs. Mary Canada, Beeville.

Houston Band Cleaned Up.

The Silvertone Lodge brass band of Houston, directed by Prof. J. H. Haywood, easily carried off all honors and by their excellent renditions won a place in the hearts of both races here that only the Silvertone band can fill. They, upon invitation from the acting mayor, played a concert at the city hall Wednesday and thousands of white peeple cheered and applauded their playing.

Personnel of the band: Prof. J. H. Haywood, director; cornets, Joe Howard, C. Lewis, L. Davis and H. Napoleon; trombones, M. Broussard, J. Clark, Wm. Ponder, J. James, C. Wilson, Rainey Robinson and Fred Collins; bass, Jno. R. Gardner, William Oliver, W. A. Starns and William Sneed; altos, E. Stevens, Will Jones, Will Anderson and Ramsey Robertson; saxophones, A. Cableton, C. Richards and M. Buckner; clarinets, H. Williams, H. Kerr, John Welsey, Nat Davis and E. V. Pitts; drums, D. Adams, R. White and R. S. Savoy. K. C. Holt drum major.

Houston Gets 1925 Meet.

Led by Hon. Perry Mack, the Houston delegation swept all opposition off its feet and captured the 1925 grand lodge. There will be no grand lodge next year, as the order does not hold a state meeting the year the national grand lodge convenes. Telegrams were read from Houston Chamber of Commerce, Mayor Oscar F. Holcombe, Houston Colored Commercial Club, Baptist Ministerial Union and other civic bodies, inviting the order to hold their next state meeting in "Heavenly Houston." Houston sent up the largest delegation of any city in Texas and having captured the 1925 grand lodge, they left feeling rather chesty.

Crook Put It Over.

Hon. O. C. Crook, head of the local reception committee, deserves much praise for the excellent manner in which Fort Worth cared for the grand lodge and Prof. W. F. Bledsoe, Jr., is due special mention for the musical end of the program.

The thirty-eighth grand session has gone down in history as the greatest meeting ever held by the order in Texas and thus the fraternity occupies a new place in local fraternal circles.

Long life to Grand Master Bledsoe Grand Secretary McGruder and the entire official family of the grand lodge and grand tabernacle!

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United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten.

U. B. F. AND S. M. T. SHOW RESOURCES OF $351,675.90 AT FT. WORTH MEETING

Fort Worth, Texas, Aug. 3—

Last week Fort Worth showed herself to great advantage and the great host of delegates to the 58th Grand Convention of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten expressed themselves as astounded at the hospitality and entertainment enjoyed while transacting the business of the fraternity.

Last year was the most prosperous in the history of the order in Texas. With no great gain in membership resources of the Grand Lodge grew to the extent of nearly $90,000 and now are conservatively estimated at $351,675.90.

Despite the fact that the Grand opening was scheduled for Tuesday night, at 10:30 Tuesday morning the first business session was called to order in St. James Baptist Church, corner of Second and Harding streets.

After a pleasing address of welcome by Rev. J. H. Winn, pastor, Grand Master Bledsoe delivered his annual address.

Grand Master Electrifies Audience.

Never before in history has this Grand Lodge received the address of Grand Master W. F. Bledsoe with as much applause as greeted his extensive remarks of Tuesday morning.

On the occasion he exerted his matchless oratorical ability to the full and swept his entire audience with him from beginning to climax being forced from time to time to stop because of the tremendous roars of applause which greeted his deliverances on the growth of the Order, its aims and hopes, the condition of the country, the status of the Negro, migration and education.

Reelected by Acclamation.

Scarcely had the applause died down at the conclusion of the address of Grand Master Bledsoe when Editor C. N. Love, of the Houston Freeman, made a motion that the rules be suspended and the Grand Master be re-elected by acclamation. The motion was no sooner made than nearly a score rose to second it and it was caarried amid hearty applause.

Secretary McGruder's Report Shows Resources of $351,675.90.

Reports of Grand Officers were then heard. The first heard was that of Grand Secretary McGruder which, complete in every detail showed that the financial condition o fthe Order left nothing to be desired. His report showed total yearly collections of $364,120.31, with total disbursements of $127,155.11 and a balance on hand of $253,507.93.

The total assets of the Order are $351,675.90.

The report of the secretary was made plain by comment and observation. Printed copies were furnished each delegate.

The reports of Grand Treasurer J. W. Jamison and Wm. Anderson, Grand Trustee bore out the report of Secretary McGruder in every detail .

Following these reports a motion to reelect all of the officers by acclamation prevailed and the following cabinet was returned to office:

W. F. Bledsoe, Grand Master.
B. F. White, D. G. M.
C. H. McGruder, G. S.
Dr. C. S. Connor, D. G. S.
J. W. Jamison, G. Treas.
Wm. Anderson, G. T.
P. H. Dean, G. T.
J. R. Grigsby, G. T.
J. E. Knox, G. Chaplain.
Mack Lock, Grand Councilman.
D. A. Storks, G. Councilman.
A. H. Reagor, Grand Councilman.
F. E. Lewis, Grand Councilman.
W. F. Bledsoe, Commissioner.
B. F. White, Commissioner.
C. H. McGruder, Commissioner.
N. E. Jones, Commissioner.
Robert Wins, Commissioner.

The following officers of the Grand Temple were elected:

Bradley.
Grand Secretary, Miss E. A. Grigsby.
Grand Assistant Secretary, Mrs. E. R. Davis.
Grand Treasurer, Mrs. J. B. Bell.
Grand Chaplain, Mrs. Alice Jones.
Grand Trustee, Miss C. E. Scult.
Grand Trustees, Mrs. E. V. Baylor.
Grand Trustee, Mrs. A. B. Thomas.
Grand Senior Marshall, Mrs. A. L. Wilson.
Grand Junior Marshall, Mrs. M. E. Spates.
Inside Gate-Keeper, Mrs. L. M. Jones.
Outside Gate-keeper, Mrs. H. E. Eckford.
Joshua Gate Keeper, Mrs. Pinkie Brown.

Many Attend Grand Opening.

The auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce was crowded Tuesday night when O. C. Crook, well known of Fort Worth announced the opening song, "America."

The program which was pleasing and inspiring contained as principal speakers, Mayor E. R. Cockrell of Ft. Worth, who welcomed the Grand Lodge on behalf of the city in a way which left nothing to be desired: Prof. C. H. McGruder, who in a very masterly way responded to the address of the Mayor, Dr. G. M. Munchus, Rev. H. S. Sims, Rev. B. F. Banks, W. D. Denifer, Rev. R. C. Barbour and Mrs. Eva King.

Many pleasing musical selections which served as spice to the program were rendered by the Harry Burleigh Harmony club, Mrs. N. B. Scott, Miss Marguerite Pennybacker and Mrs. J. W. Pratt.

After the presentation of the gavel to to Grand Master Bledsoe by O. C. Crook and announcement of the program of the Grand lodge the program ended.

Grand Lodge Chautauqua Feature Pleasing.

This grand lodge differs from others of its kind in Texas in that every year it includes a lecture course which proves inspiring and educative to the many delegates who attend. This year's meet was exceptionally beneficial because of the calibre of the speakers who appeared before the body.

On Wednesday morning, Prof. J. R. E. Lee, field secretary of the Urban League delivered an inspiring lecture on the work of his organization. He described in detail its process of helping those coming North in securing work and healthful housing conditions and in directing them into industries which before their coming had never employed Negro labor.

He also warned prospective immigrants about going North unless sure of work and means of financing themselves completely for a reasonable length of time.

His speech was well received and heartily applauded.

The address of Prof. Lee was followed by the introduction of Hon. W. D. Daniels, Grand Master of the U. B. of F. of Arkansas and N. D. G. M. of the world. He spoke briefly in commendation of the work of the Texas jurisdiction and brought greetings to the body from the State of Arkansas.

U. B. F. AND S. M. T. CLOSE PROFITABLE SESSION

St. Louis Clarion

Duke Diggs, Elected Grand Master

St Louis, Mo.

Jefferson City, Missuori,
August 30, 1923
By Staff Correspondent

The U. B. F. and S. M. T. of Missouri and Jurisdiction closed on Friday what is said to be one of the most profitable sessions in the history of the organization.

The local entertainment committee spared no pains in making the meeting a successful one in every respect; a high class program of some sort was prepared for each evening of the session. The musical numbers rendered by Grand Lodge talent and by Geo. R. Smith College Glee Club were well chosen and artistically rendered.

8-31-23

Hon. Duke Diggs of this city was elected as Grand Master by acclamatoin; St. Joseph was chosen as the next meeting place. Other officers follow:

U. B. F. Grand Session

The following officers were elected. Duke Diggs, Grand Master, Jefferson City; Forest Stirman, Deputy Grand Master, Kansas City; C. G. Williams Grand Secretary, Jefferson City; S. L. Brooks, Assistant Grand Secretary Hannibal; C. W. Black, Grand Treasurer St. Joseph; R. E. Lee Grand Chaplain, Webster Groves; Dr. D. W. Goodsen, Grand Medical Register, Omaha, Neb.; R. A. Davis, Grand Senior Marshall, Lexington; William Haywood, Grand Junior Marshall, Lexington; A. H. Dixon, Grand Right Supporter, Omaha, Neb. C. H. Wilson, Grand Left Supporter, Des Moines,Iowa; S. H. Lampkin, Grand Inside Sentinel, Miami; R. A. Morton, Grand Outside Sentinel, Kansas City;Wm. Burton, Grand Sword Bearer, Columbia; G. W. Brown, First Member Board Management Kansas City; O. F. Nelson, Second Member Board of Management, Louisiana; J. E. Smith, Fourth Member Board Management, Macon. Supreme Representative, C. C. Hubbard, Sedalia, Mo.

The Sisters of The Mysterious Ten

The Sisters of the Mysterious T which is a branch of the U. B. Grand Lodge, is the largest individual body of women in Missouri, there were about 625 attending this Grand Session. The Grand Session was honored by the presence of the Nationl Grand Princess, Mrs. Edmonia Watk ins, of Cario, Ill., and the National Grand Queen, Mrs. Carrie Tonsall, of St. Louis. Blind Boone the distinguished pianist, of Columbia was present and very enjoyable music nd singing was heard in the Grand Session. The various commit tees reported the temples throughout the jurisdiction in fairly good condition. The trustees reported that the Old Folks Home, maintained at Hannibal, was in good condition and doing well. Mrs. B. K. Bruce of Leavenworth, Kansas, the wife of the honorable B. K. Bruce, was unanimously elected Worthy Grand Princess of the Grand Temple to succeed Mrs. L. Leota Caston.

Temple Officers

Grand Princess, Mrs. B. K. Bruce
Grand Vice-princess, Mrs. M. E. Ford; Grand Sec., Mrs. G. J. Abbington; Grand Asst. Sec., Mrs. Mary Monroe; Grand Treas.; Mrs. A. D. Grves.

FORT WORTH SETS THE PACE.

South Texans have often wondered why the fourth largest city in the state has attained a national reputation for being the "convention city of Texas," but the Houston delegates and visitors to the recent grand lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and Sisters of the Mysterious Ten, held at Fort Worth, can truthfully exclaim, "Eureka! Eureka!" (I have found it! I have found it!)

Never in the history of Texas has a colored grand lodge been so cordially received and royally entertained as the U. B. F. grand lodge in Ft. Worth last week.

Not only did the mayor of the city extend the welcome at the opening program, but he went out of his way to see that the visitors were given a nice time, and went so far as to order the removal of the signs from Trinity Park, "For Whites Only," in order that the delegates could visit this resort and enjoy themselves on its premises.

To get the delegates to Lake Worth, the Chamber of Commerce (white), provided 180 automobiles (real honest-to-goodness cars, not flivvers and cockroaches) and every stand and concession at Lake Worth park sold their wares to the colored visitors at half price.

The Chamber of Commerce and white citizens helped in giving the delegates a big barbecue and furnished free trolley transportation to and from the place where the big feast was spread.

The auditorium of the Chamber of Commerce was used for the opening program and not one cent rent was charged and the head of this civic body tendered the grand lodge officers the free use of the building during their entire stay in Ft. Worth.

The mayor pro-tem extended a special invitation to Silvertone brass band of Houston to visit the city hall and render a concert for the municipal heads and employes, and, to get even with the mayor who was out of the city, he made a wonderful speech, praising and commending the black man for his contributions along all lines in the development, expansion and perpetuity of our common country.

The delegates are unanimous in their verdict that Ft. Worth has set a pace along entertainment lines that will be hard for other cities to surpass, and, since the next grand lodge comes to Houston in 1925, and, since the slogan, "Houston's got 'em," played a big part in landing the next grand lodge, it is going to be up to white and colored Houstonians to show Ft. Worth that her citizens are not the only people in Texas who know how to entertain colored visitors on a grand style.

The Informer, however, wants to congratulate and compliment the white and colored citizens of Fort Worth in putting over such a wonderful program and for the concrete demonstration of teamwork between the races, racial amity and good will; without which no community can make much progress.

Fort Worth has really and truly set the pace and it is up to the other Texas cities to follow suit or be content with Fort Worth standing out as the only city in the Lone Star State that really struts its stuff in entertaining the visitors and srangers within its gate.

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Odd Fellows.

Negro Odd Fellows' Injunction Dissolved By Supreme Court

Atlanta Constitution
2-21-23

Dissolution Tuesday by the supreme court of Georgia of an injunction granted in the Fulton county superior court, has apparently settled the negro Odd Fellows' case that has occupied a prominent place on court calenders for some time.

The injunction was the result of ouster proceedings aimed at B. J. Davis, A. D. Jones and B. S. Ingram by the committee of management, representing national headquarters of the organization. They were officers of grand lodge No. 18, United Order of Odd Fellows of Georgia, at the time, and continued to look after administration of affairs after the injunction was granted.

E. L. Collier, A. Graves and Dr. G. W. Owens, colored, were among those fighting the injunction. They had been named as officers of the grand lodge when the other faction came back with the order that prevented Collier and his associates from taking office.

The Georgia lodge is one of the wealthiest in the country, owning valuable property in Atlanta and other sections of the state.

Brandon & Hines, Rosser, Slaton & Hopkins, Branch Howard and C. T. Goree represented Davis et al., while Walter T. Colquitt, Dan Conyers and C. L. Pettigrew were counsel for Collier's faction.

Georgia Supreme Court Dissolves Odd-Fellow Injunction; Fight Ends

Pittsburgh American
Pittsburgh Pa.
3-2-23

(By the Associated Negro Press)

ATLANTA, Ga., March 2.—The famous Odd Fellow's fight which led to the suspension of the District Grand Lodge of Georgia and the attempted displacement of the present officers of the National organization, came to an end here this week when the Supreme Court of Georgia dissolved the injunction which Ben J. Davis, B. S. Ingram and their associates had instituted against the committee of management of the national headquarters, represented by E. L. Collier, A. Graves and Dr. Owens, and which for more than two years has been on the calendar of local courts. The Georgia District Lodge is one of the wealthiest in the country, owning the Odd Fellow's Block in Atlanta and valuable property in other sections of the state and the fight has been watched with interest by fraternal men everywhere because of the far-reaching questions involved.

Commenting upon the case, a prominent local odd fellow said, "The contest grew out of the suspension of Ben Davis from his position as District Grand Secretary by the national headquarters. Mr. Davis controlled the state grand officers and was re-elected over the suspension edict of National Grand Master Edward Morris of Chicago. The entire district Grand Lodge was then expelled and local lodges ordered to affiliate directly with national headquarters through a committee of management who in turn were to organize a new District Lodge. Davis defied the national body, incorporated his organization and obtained an injunction in the Fulton County Court restraining the committee of management from using the name or interfering with his body's operations. This gave them control of the property in the state which they held until a receiver was appointed about a year and a half ago. The injunction has just now been dissolved after being fought through all the courts of Georgia.

"In the meantime the fight became national. When the B. M. C. was postponed Davis gathered representatives from various sections of the country about him and held a meeting. This resulted in a court battle in Pennsylvania. The regular officers won." Grand Master Morris has just wired his congratulations from Chicago saying, "We were in the right, therefore we won. Last year Davis did not attempt to hold a session, so that he doubtlessly admits defeat. The craft in Georgia can now go forward to new accomplishments. We expect the receivership to be lifted shortly."

NEGRO ODD FELLOWS MEET IN AUGUSTA

The Atlanta
8-17-23

The district grand lodge of the colored order of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the Georgia grand lodge, No. 18, working under the subcommittee of management with headquarters at Philadelphia, Pa., closed its 34th biennial session Thursday at Augusta.

The meeting was the first since December 27, 1917.

The meeting readopted the relief or endowment to be carried by the members to the amount of $30.

It adopted a new constitution and by-laws for the district grand lodge.

The following were elected as district grand lodge officers: A. Graves, district grand master; W. E. Davis, district deputy grand master; R. E. Pharrow, district grand secretary; A. N. Gordon, district grand treasurer W. A. Collier, district grand director; Dr. J. C. Collier, district grand medical examiner.

District Grand Household of Ruth, the female department in the state, elected the following officers: Ida L. Jones, district most noble governor; Viola Hart Felton, district rite most noble governor; Hattie E. Harris, district grand worthy recorder; M. J. Smith, district grand treasurer; M. E. Roland, district grand directress.

Savannah was selected as the next meeting place.

COLOREED ODD FELLOWS END ANNUAL SESSION

The Atlanta Post
8-16-23

Officers for Year Are Elected at Closing Meeting.

The District Grand Lodge No. 18 and District Grand Household of Ruth No. 8 closed their thirty-fourth biennial sessions which have been in session here since Monday. The meetings were largely attended.

This being the first meeting held by the regular colored Odd Fellows and Ruths since 1917, owing to a legal fight within the order that has claimed the attention of the courts of Georgia for the past siv years, final decision being rendered early in February of this year in favor of the colored Odd Fellows that are recognized by the subcommittee of management the national head of the order in America.

The meetings were held in the Walker Baptist Institute. The meeting opened Monday night with a public program at Trinity C. M. E. church. The district grand lodge re-enacted its insurance feature and put on an extension campaign for the rehabilitation of the order in the state.

The following officers were elected. A. Graves, Atlanta, district grand master; W. E. David, Savannah, deputy district grand master; R. E. Pharrow, Atlanta, district grand secretary; Dr. A. N. Gordon, Augusta district grand treasurer; Dr. J. C. Collier, Augusta, district grand medical examiner and W. A. Collier, Madison district grand director.

The officers of district grand household are Ida D. Jones, Atlanta, district most noble governor; Viola Hart Felton, Americus, deputy district most noble governor; Hattie E. Harris, Atlanta, district worthy recorder; Mary E. Smith, district worthy treasurer and Mary Ays, district directress.

Savannah, Ga., was selected as the next meeting place.—Augusta Chronicle. August 16, 1923.

EDWARDS ELECTED ODD FELLOW STATE LEADER, WHILE ADAIR IS DEPOSED AS GRAND SECRETARY

The Atlanta Post
The New York News
8-18-23

Popular Veteran Leader Makes Sensational Exposure of Alleged Grafting in Official Ranks and Modern System Is Installed to Guarantee Future—Roster of Officials

New York, N.Y.

ROCHESTER, Aug. 15.—The tenti biennial and thirty-fourth session o District Grand Lodge No. 2 convened in Rochester, Aug. 7, 8, 9, in Colonia Hall. Fifty-four delegates answered roll call, 21 were first timers.

The first day a public session was held in Favor Street A. M. E. Zion Church. The ceremonies incident on such occasions was held, address of welcome by the various representatives of lodges and households, also by the Mayor. A gavel was presented to District Grand Master Edwards by a member of Empire Lodge No. 3124 of Rochester.

The District Grand Master and the District Most Noble Governor both appointed committees on credentials at this session, including a special committee on condolence to prepare and forward proper resolutions on the death of our late President, Warren G. Harding, the same to be forwarded to Washington, D. C., and Marion, O. The predominant features of the convention was the address of the District Grand Master, which made a telling effect on the delegates assembled, his terse portrayal of the misdoings of past administrations was approved by those in attendance, visitors and delegates alike. He was at his best and invited his hearers to an ocular proof of all the statements or accusations he made from the records he had at hand. He cited the misuse of over $900 of the District Grand Lodge money for the Headquarters Building Association, when the law of the Order does not give them that right, making reference to that particular law and appealing to the delegates to read for themselves and make their own interpretation.

Letters were read by the District Grand Master to show that the District Grand Secretary was not in hearty co-operation with him and intimated it was time for a change in that office.

The District Grand Auditors' report was apparently a conglomeration of errors, which was very vividly pointed out by District Grand Director Kemp of Brooklyn (District Grand Secretary-elect).

A resolution changing the meetings from biennial to annual was defeated.

All recommendations by the District Grand Master were endorsed, as follows:

"To secure the services of a certified public accountant who shall thoroughly investigate and audit all account books, etc., of the District Grand Lodge that our records may be thoroughly understood, recommended in order to show appreciation to those already investors (Headquarters Building Association), that at least half of the money credited as interest by the bank be set aside by the proper committee and paid to stockholders and bond holders of record as a small dividend on their investment. Also, the present incorporation be changed to harmonize with the District Grand Lodge."

High tribute was paid to the deceased members, ex-District Grand Master W. David Brown and ex-District Grand Director Edward L. Walker, also to Mrs. Alice C. Edwards, Recorder of Mayflower Household of Ruth for 14 years, the late wife of the District Grand Master.

After a most harmonious session in action for three days, with a dramatic ending following the report of the committee on the Grand Master's address, officers were elected as follows:

District Grand Master, H. J. Ed-

wards, 216 West 138d street, New York
Deputy District Grand Master, Rev. Henry at Parsons, who led the trio. The sho
New York. went wild. Parsons whipped out his
W. H. Parker, Buffalo, N. Y. District Grand Director, Nathan revolver and sent a shot into the lef
District Grand Secretary, C. J. Dewing, New York. side of Roberts' head.
Kemp, 426 Carlton avenue, Brooklyn. District Grand Auditors—J. H. Mit
chell, chairman, Brooklyn; J. L. Fran

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Mosaic Templars of America.

FOUNDERS DAY ADDRESS FOR THE MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA

Delivered by P. L. Dorman, May 22, 1923.

To us on occassion like this there comes a peculiar tenderness of heart. When the ties that have bound us as friends have been cut asunder, or the chasm of bitter rivalry has been closed, we view with perfect calm, the life and the various incidents connected therewith, with the departed great. In this busy world of ours the earth does not long allow itself to be incumbered with the ruins of its most lofty temples. When worship of departed heroes has ceased, time the devourer of all things, does his work, and in many cases, institutions as well as those who founded them perish from the memory of man. Only those institutions and those men who possessed the proper vitality, the living germ of truth and righteousness survive. And such an institution, and such men summon us tonight in this very reverent assembly.

We are here to speak as a Mosaic to Mosaics. We are here not to offer apology but rather to boast of the rich inheritance that has come to us as heirs and joint heirs of the fruit of fraternal achievement made possible by the vision, the faith, and the sacrifice of the founders of this great order Of the men who served their generation well and are now gathered to their fathers. We are here to express our pride in what this wonderful organization has achieved in the past; what it is doing in the living present and what we have a reasonable hope to believe what it will accomplish in the future. We have met here to rededicate, and to re-baptise ourselves in the faith of the fathers and to swear our allegiance anew, to those who are so acceptably carrying on the work so nobly begun by the Founders.

We are here tonight assembled not only in the great state, but in the very city that furnished the humble manger in the over crowded fraternal Inn, for the birth of the giant of all Negro effort;—the Mosaic Templars of America, and where its Sainted Founders spent the best of their lives, thinking, planning, and jepordizing their private means, that their less fortunate brethren might have life and life more abundantly.

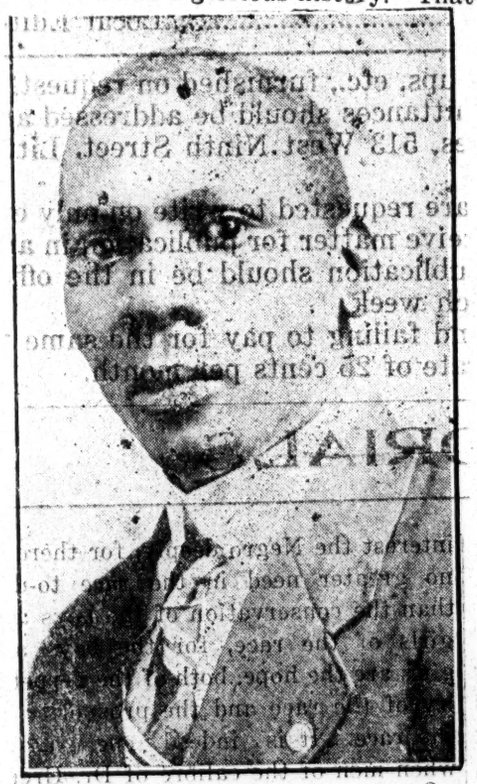
The cause that gave birth to the idea of founding a great co-operative brotherhood is too well known to you to admit of repetition. And where it was first designed to meet local conditions, no thought being given to its expansion, yet based on the high ideals, the principles which were made the chief cornerstone of its structure, the unselfish spirit of its founders; made it impossible to keep such an institution in the narrow confines of Little Rock, and tonight we see that it has extended its protecting branches to 26 states of the union, its possessions and even into the sunny clime of the mother country, Africa; and it doth not appear what we shall be. And why? Its mission has been to feed the hungry; to clothe the naked and to bind up the wounds of the afflicted. From an humble beginning of one lodge, founded in a humble cottage, on the very spot occupied by this magnificent Temple, the charter numeral of any new lodge today will be in excess of the 5000 numeral, with lodges through the length and the breadth of the entire country.

When the Saviour was on earth delivering his wonderful discourses which attracted the attention of men of all ranks in life, the question naturally arose from whence did he come,—the reply was he was from Nazareth; the scorner and the incredulous were prompt to ask the question, "Can anything good come out of the mean village of Nazareth?" the answer was, "Come and see." The world has not yet gotten away from this query,—and the founders were challenged with the same remark;—we are today presented with the same query, and without fear of disquietude with faith in our works we make bold to hurl the defiant answer,—"Come and see," and to you who have listened to the life and the works of the Founders of this order as related by those who have preceded me, you can only subscribe to the motto of the order, "I came, I saw, I conquered."

We have evidences of a prosperity without a parrallel in the history of Racial endeavor in any age of the world. History does not furnish a more illuminating parrallel. The Mosaics exists today wherever the members of the race are found in sufficient numbers to organize and set up a lodge. It survives, even where superior claims of more ancient institutions would fail. It will never be obscured by the darkness of the night of prejudice and personal envy. It was here in Little Rock that it was rocked in the cradle of race consciousness and nurtured on the bottle of racial self respect, an unaffected by the venoumous spleen of some who would destroy it; lashed sometimes by the tempest of petty jealousy, and assaulted by religious bigots;—she stands in the bright sunlight of heavens fair sun, proudly erect; receiving day by day, the benediction of its renowned Founders, without one principle for which she stands fractured or one pillar of the noble structure shaken from its place. She stands in bold relief as a giant monarch of the forest, with its roots deep down in the soil of racial confidence and endeavor, proclaiming to the world, that the Negro, like other people only ask to be given a chance, and made secure in those things vouchsafed for us in the great constitution of the commonwealth and for which thousands our race have made the supreme sacrifice, that the glory and genius of a free government, a democracy for all the people should not perish from the earth. It extends its branches of human sympathy, against impending skies, bidding all who are weary and heavy laden to come unto us, learn of us, for our yoke is easy and our burden is light.

Just now the economic questions of the South are foremost in public attention. We are witnessing a migration such as this state has never seen. We do not need a prophet or seer to explain the cause. We, individually have felt the impelling force that has caused our brethren to seek more congenial climes, climes where a man may be "A man for a' that and a' that." And I do not make any extravagant statement when I say that the Mosaics have largely entered into this decision of a large number of our brethren to leave the "Flesh pots of Egypt" and go into a new country where the laws are more eqitably administered and life better safe guarded. Long before this so called exodus had taken the present formidable advance, the Mosaics had preceeded with their gospel of love and charity and had established lodges in these large industrial centers, and what Ellis Island in New York's harbor means to the friendless European emigrant, the Mosaic lodge means the same to our brethren from the south. The fact that the lodge was established in the various northern centers lent at once a confidence to the brother from the south. He knew that he would at once be among friends and brothers and would not feel like an alien in his own land and country. I mention this to show that the Mosaic Order is truly a ministering angel for the oppression of the many acts of the Order taken in behalf of the members of our race right here in our own city and state. Some of these things are fresh in the memory of many. I know for positive fact that the entire course of editorial opinion in some of the leading white papers has been changed from that of defaming the race and influencing adverse opinion, to warm defenders of the reasonable rights of the race and respectful references made in articles that had to do with the race. And all of this can be traced back to foresight of the founders way back in the early eighties. Who saw that it was necessary to weld the race into a united body of men and women if the future existence of the race would be maintained. The incalcuable debt that the race owes to these two men and their immediate associates, impossible of payment, can never be too often or too emphatically emphasized, not only by the Mosaics but by every believer in the race and its ability to do. As long as the memory of man endures, this beautiful memorial, to the memory of J. E. Bush and C. W. Keatts, so unselfishly inaugurated should annually be observed.

I recall that a few years ago from this very platform, a learned Jewish Rabbi, a man kindly disposed to us, made the statement, that we had yet to make our history; of course this statement would admit of a difference of opinion, and of fact, but the point was, though he was a member of a now minority race and a generally despised race, it was still a proud race and had a glorious history. That



J. N. DRUMMOND, S. G. M.
Canal Zone, Central America

when the race was chided today by the gentile, they could stand up in the majesty of the past and boast of their achievement and contributions to civilization, ante-dating the coming of Christ by two thousand years and up through the present moment. That they had given to the world some of its most famous lawyers, statesman, authors, and even military leaders and every Jewish boy knew this as well as he knew the Talmud. And his position in this was right, and whether what he said was in the whole true, the fact remains that the boys and girls of our race get little opportunity to learn of our past or any of the glories achieved by our ancestors. We study history in our schools prepared by the other man, for the consumption of his own children, and where ever the races of mankind are mentioned, the race to which we belong is placed at the foot of the ladder. If pictures

of types of the races are given in history or geography, the highest type of the other races is secured, and the lowest type of our race. In view of these and many other existing facts that could be mentioned, holding memorials like this is a forward movement and will be like bread cast upon the waters for the future generations. If the race is to be indited for anyone thing it should be for the like of vision for the future; too many of us are committed to the theory that sufficient today; tomorrow we die; what concern should we have, or why should we sacrifice for those who come after, let them get along as I got along. But this sentiment must be discarded if we are to build a people for whom the coming generations may be proud.

You have heard of the lives of the men for whom we have met to honor, you have heard of the rich romatic history of this order, You have had recounted the many virtues of the leaders and of the Order. Now, what lessons are we, the living, to draw therefrom. If those silent lips could speak to us tonight, what message do you think they would convey to us, to whom the sacred mission has been given to continue this work. I believe they would ask of us, that we keep faith with them and the thousands who have seen fit to make us their executive agents; that by no act of ours, based on greed or gain, we should ever blot the fair escutcheon of the Mosaic Templars of America. That we continue in the spirit of perfect humility of which, during their life time, they were worthy exponents. That we unselfishly continue to feel that we are our brothers keeper, that we "Owe no man anything but to love one another for he that hath loved another hath fulfilled the law." And I am sure that the answer will unfailingly be; we shall keep faith with you. We shall keep unsullied the fair Mosaic banner and see that the old flag shall never touch the ground, and that thousands yet unborn, shall, even as we have done, when we have finished the fight and gone unto you, they will take up the work, and see that the name of the Mosaics shall not perish from the earth, even as Moses work was continued by his successor Aaron. And why should we not approach the future with perfect confidence? Let us have the roll call of the leaders who up to this moment have not failed. There was William Alexander, that matchless leader of men, whose tragic death still wrings the hearts of his hosts of friends, who loved him as a brother would love, On this occasion, we would be sadly remiss in duty not to mention his name in the list of heroes who wrought mightily in their day that the Mosaic cause would be pushed and respected to the uttermost parts of the earth. He was ardent in all that pertained to the cause, such was his zeal, and so brilliant his service that his name was even known before we knew his person. Although he cannot be numbered with the original founders his name and his memory can neper be divorced from the history of the order. It seemed that God had called him for this specific work of building up the order and strengthening it where it was weak. In him the Mosaics lost one of its brighest jewels. You know how he perished, on this I cannot, I must not dwell. We now enjoy the fruit of his labor. Let us strive to emulate his example of fidelity and loyalty to the order.

God works in a mysterious way his wonders to perform;"—When the great Mosaic heart was wrung with the sorrow of the death of the great Mosaic Commander,—the question naturally arose, who would be found to carry on his work, but as in all cases in great calamities, it seems that God always had a man in waiting, and a man who had proper discernment to make the proper selection and again we see the genius of J. E. Bush like the prophets of old searching for the man. Dr. S. J. Elliott was the man drafted for the place, and time has demonstrated the fitness of the selection. Under his administration the Order has moved steadily onward. Dr. Elliott was fortunate in being surrounded with as bright a galaxy of men of peculiar fitness as could be found anywhere within the race. If men like J. E. Bush, J. A. Davis, C. E. Bush, S. A. Jones, J. H. McConico, Dr. J. G. Thornton and A. E. Bush, Wash Jordan, M. R. Perry and that indefatigable worker, quiet and unassuming in her manner, Mrs. C. C. Bell, could not make an organization like this function, then our history is already written in the chapter of race failures.

You will pardon me again for personal reference. One of the saddest things in the races life is the career of so many of our young mn who become the successors of their fathers interest. Often like the Prodigal's son they demanded their portion of the inheritance and go away in a far country and spend their substance in riotous living, and eventually would fain to eat of the husks of their employer's swine. In the two sons, C. E. and A. E. Bush of the late J. E. Bush we see striking examples of the contrary. They have entered into their fathers work with a zeal refreshing and commendable. As citizens of this community they have given unstintedly of their talent and their resources. They are loved and respected by all. Knowing full well that personal compliment is often to the modest very embarrassing and sometimes invidious, I cannot refrain from mentioning others. The world has become very practicable and has scraped away the thin veneering of false modesty and now believe that flowers are just as appropriate in the life of an individual, as in his death and there is a growing tendency to give flowers while we are conscious of the gift. Therefore with perfect propriety we must give recognition to many of the living who have justly earned the plaudits of their fellow men, I wish to refer to the splendid services of Mr. J. H. McConico, given to the Order at a time when men of ability were needed. Like Paul and Silas, he and Mr. Alexander went preaching the cause of the Mosaics, and with his firery eloquence, he soon attracted national attention and shot conviction into the hearts of his hearers and the order enjoyed and unprecedented growth. Today in his position as National Auditor, he is one of the Order's most valuable assets. The name of Judge S. A. Jones is a name to conjure with throughout the nation. His fame as a brilliant criminal lawyer is not limited to any one section, or to the race alone. I cannot add anything to the knowledge which you possess of him.

The most potential cause for alarm that not only threatens to retard the development of the race numerically, but at all times, is a stalking specter, giving concern over the financial future not only of this order but all Negro orders is the excessive death rate within the race, I am not attempting to discuss the cause, I merely mention the fact. In the person of our Medical Director, Dr. J. G. Thornton we have a man that has guarded well the entrance of all applicants to the order, and there is no more important function to be performed than this. He has not only scrupously guarded the approach to the order, but never loses opportunity through press and public speaking, to warn our people against the common dangers that threaten our health. In this, not only the Mosaics, but all of the people have been the beneficiaries of his splendid health articles. Women have ever played their part and played it well in all the upward struggles of mankind, and in the Order we have the splendid services of Mrs. Bell of whom I have already made mention. She has one of the most important branches of the order's development,—looking after the Juveniles. These boys and girls of the race will certainly be the men and women of the future, and they will either be a liability or an asset to the race. Though not a national official, we cannot fail to mention the name of our State Grand Master P. H. Jordan, beloved by all of the Mosaics through out the state. No man connected with the Order has more unfailingly and unselfishly served than he has. During the life time of Mr. Bush, Mr. Jordan enjoyed the most intimate friendship with him and was one of his closest advisers. Loyal to the core, he has always reserved the right to think for himself and to express the courage of his convictions. This attitude has caused him many battles, and whether he won or lost, not one has ever heard a word of bitterness escape from his lips. He has stood nobly by every act and principle of the order and has planted its banner in every town and hamlet in the state. There are many others who are worthy to have their names mentioned in the Mosaic Hall of Fame but time will not permit me.

Now what shall Founders Day mean to us, These life sketches, the review of the Orders past, its present, and the prediction for the future?

It means that we would be false to the memory of the Founders, direlect to every duty of the present and unjust and cowardly to the generations that shall come after us, if we should leave here tonight without being fully consecrated to perform every duty and obligation imposed, when on bended knee, with hand on heart and bible, we solemnly promised that we would support in everyway this worthy organization. "By their fruits, ye shall know then," is just as true today as it was two thousand years ago, and we shall be judged by our fruits.

And if ever in the Providence of God, lashed by the storm, and river by the lightening of jealousy and unjust criticism, the Order should totter or even fall, around its venerable trunk of justice and brotherly love will the ivy of the imperishable memory of it sainted Founders be entwined, with its everlasting verdue, silently proclaiming to all the world that theier efforts have not been in vain.

Secret Societies — 1923

Mosaic Templars of America -

MOSAIC TEMPLARS OF AMERICA

VALUATION EXHIBIT

ASSETS, ACTUAL AND CONTIGENT

Present Mid-year Value of future net contributions on death certificates only....		$ 7,010,768.34
Assets available for payment of death losses as follows: 5-26-23		
Admitted Assets.....	$677,406.18	
Less Expense Fund.....	23,530.47	
and Special Fund.....	22,341.06	631,534.65
		$ 7,642,309.99

LIABILITIES, ACTUAL AND CONTIGENT

Present Mid-year Value of promised benefits on death certificate only.....		$10,154,253.49
Liabilities of mortuary fund.....		118,705.01
		$10,272,958.50
Ratio per cent of Assets....	(Dec. 31, 1922.....	74.39 per cent
Actual and Contigent - to	(Dec. 31, 1921.....	80.12 per cent
Liabilities - Actual and	(Dec. 31, 1920.....	83.58 per cent
Contigent -	(Dec. 31, 1919.....	65.30 per cent
	(Dec. 31, 1918.....	64.00 per cent
	(Dec. 31, 1917.....	64.00 per cent

The above valuation is in conformity with statutory requirements, and is not to be regarded as a test of financial solvency in any action that may arise, but is made to determine the amount the Society should have on hand to pay its future obligations without change in the basis of collection on the assumptions that its mortality will be same as that set forth in the National Fraternal Congress mortality table and that the rate of interest earned will be four per cent.

State of Texas .....)
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County of McLennan)

Andr. Sigtenhorst being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is the actuary (accountant) who made the foregoing computations and answers to the questions above set forth concerning the condition of Mosaic Templars of America as of December 31, 1922, and that the same are correct and true to the best of his information, knowledge and belief.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this)
12th day of May, 1923 .....)

(Official) (Signed) Andr. Sigtenhorst.

(Seal)

(Signed) J. E. Phillips

Notary Public, McLennan Co, Texas.

GREAT MOSAIC REVIVAL LAUNCHED IN MOTHER STATE OF ARKANSAS

The Mosaic Guide 8-18-23

Little Rock, Ark.

Grand Master Peach Jordan assisted by his loyal Burial Secretary, has launched his District Meetings for Arkansas. Two great meetings have just closed for the past week, one at Altheimer and the other at Monticello. Notwithstanding the hot spell, the tight times and the Exodus these were the best meetings ever held in this state. At Altheimer the meeting was held in one of the largest churches of the town. The church was crowded with delegates at both day and night sessions. At the night sessions people were on the outside looking through the windows for want of room. From the time that the gavel was sounded calling the meeting on, there was no tan idle moment. At Monticello the Mayor of the city was present and extended the Mosaics a cordial welcome. One of the leading bankers of the town was present because as he said he wanted to see what kind of men were at the head of an organization that was famous throughout the state. He said that he considered the Mosaic organization the most transcending accomplishment of the Negro race. The mayor said that he felt like issuing a proclamation calling on every Negro of that city to join the Mosaic Order and the church. Able response was made by Mr. Dorman who was cheered time and again by the large audience assembled. Many new members were brought into the Order. Grand Master Jordan has certainly restored all of the old time fervor for which the Mosaic host of this state was noted. There is no question about the increased morale of the membership where these meetings have been held. The knocker has been put out of business; the members have returned to their respective homes with renewed enthusiasm.

Their pledge is to put the Mosaics over the top. To one accustomed to visiting grand lodges, these meetings appeared to be minature Grand Lodges. The subjects which the Grand Master had provided for discussion were entered into with hearty zeal. The members expressed themselves as being highly pleased with an opportunity to go to a School of Mosaic instruction as they expressed it. The meetings were just a continous round of an old time love feast. The new Insurance policy that has been issued attracted much favorable comment it was regretted by many of the delegates that Mr. J. H. McConico, the Director of the Ordinary Life Department could not be present with his General Agents to further explain all of the features of this new policy. The close of each of the meetings reminded one of an old time revival meeting. God Be With You Till We Meet Again, was sung with a fervor seldom heard on occasions of this kind. Throughout the time of the meetings not one discordant note was heard from any delegate. Delegates came by train, by auto and by buggy. At the Altheimer meeting delegates from points as far away as Fordyce and Thornton were present. Pine Bluff sent down a splendid representation. At Monticello delegates were present as far from the South as Eudora and Readland. The common expression was, "I am glad that I came; Would not have missed it for anything." Other places were so eager for the next annual meeting that the committee on place had difficulty in coming to a decision. The contest for the next meeting was spiritedly contested on the fioor when the committee made its report. Fordyce gets the next meeting for Altheimer District and Crossett, which had a strong delegation at Monticello captured the next meeting for that district.

Grand Master Jordan states that he is highly pleased and could not have expected more under any conditions. Meetings will be held this week at Magnolia and Foreman.

Editor Mosaic Guide:

The District meeting of M. T. of A assembled in Monticello, Arkansas in the A. M. E. church, August 9-10, with State Grand Master P. H. Jordan in the chair, for District No. 8.

The majority of the delegates were on time to answer roll call, Secretary Dorman was a conspicious figure in the meeting. There were but few temples and chambers that did not send delegates. There were about two hundred delegates and visitors in attendance.

The meeting was enthusiastic and full of information and work worked well as an institute. The delegates were well cared for by the citizens.

The reception took place Thursday night and was interesting from start to finish. The most striking feature was the welcome by the city mayor.

The mayor historically with the Negro from 1619 to the present and praised the Negro for his progress since civil war and said, of there was ever a citizen whom he considered one hundred per cent American, it was the Negro.

His advice was timely and full of instruction and had the ring of earnestness. He was responded to by Prof. P. L. Dorman, Secretary of Burial Department in a most manful and masterly way replying in detail to the mayor. The Prof. thrilled his audience with his plain facts in a way to the satisfaction to the mayor and congregation. We are proud of Prof. Dorman and his response will live a long time in the hearts of all who heard him.

He was followed by Mr. Carter (white) a banker who also said many good things and was well received by his hearers. The program was very good through out and filled the people with hope and inspiration.

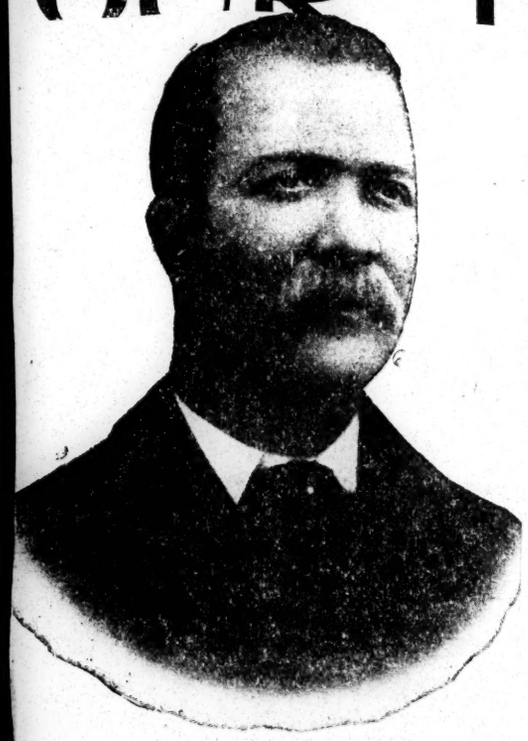
The meeting was presided over by that dignified and manly man who is loved by every body in the person of Grand Master P. H. Jordan, whose addresses were timely and brim full of information to the satisfaction of all. He is always an inspiration where ever he goes, he is the right man in the right place.

From 3 P. M. to 4. In keeping with the proclamation of the chief majesty, a memorial service was observed by the Mosaic body and public, presided over by the writer which was very impressive and benefitting. The principle address was delivered by Prof. P. L. Dorman, dealing with the life of the late Warren G. Harding, president of the United States with credit to himself and race.

At four o'clock the order resumed its session and after the reports of committees and installing of officers the District meeting No. 8 passed into history to meet next year in Crossett, Ark.

E. T. Waterford, B. D., D. D.,
Reporter

FOUNDERS' DAY
MAY 22, 1923
OUR FOUNDERS



J. E. BUSH
1858-1916

C. W. KEATTS
1854-1908

FOUNDERS AND FOUNDERS DAY

As we have reached the fortieth mile stone of the organization of the founding of the Order, we deem it entirely proper that the great membership of the Order should become acquainted through the Gude, the National mouthpiece with some of the facts pertaining both to the Order and the great men who founded it. First There were two great spirits that entered into the foundation of the Order and who should be regarded as co-equals both in the work and the honors that are to be given to them. First of these two we mention founder J. E. Bush, who was born November 15th, 1858, at Moscow, Tennessee, he moved to Arkansas with his parents when quite a lad and grew up in the city of Little Rock Pulaski County where he received his education in the public school of said cty, having completed his high school course he entered the teachers profession and taught first as principal of the old Capitol Hill School of his adopted city. having served in the capacity of Pirncipal of Capitol Hill for several years the school authorities of Hot Springs offered him a more lucrative position as principal of a High School of that city, which he accepted, tiring somewhat of the teaching profession, he entered into the railway mail service in 1875 and remained there until appointed U. S. Land Receiver in 1898 by President Wm. McKinley, which position he held under succeeding Presidents Theodore Roosevelt and W. M. Taft. Seeing the Democratic ax coming he resigned as Receiver of the Land Office in 1913, August 1st, with a view of giving his entire attention to his growing Order, which he founded in 1915, May 22nd. The Order was launched in Little Rock on May 22nd, 1883, on the site where the present magnificent Mosaic Temple now stands. He was inaugurated National Grand Secretary, which position he held from the date of organization until the date of his death, and it goes without saying that through the secretary's office were accompilshed the marvelous things that are enjoyed by the present generation. He married Miss Cora Winfrey in 1879, unto them seven children were born, the most of whom died in infantry, but three of whom still lives to honor his life and to do service to the great Order he founded. These are Mrs. Stella Bush Brown, Mr. Chester E. Bush, who succeeded his father as National Grand Scribe and Treasurer and Mr. Aldridge E. Bush, who for many years has been secretary of the monument department and who for the last year has been acting National Grand Scribe and Treasurer of the Endowment Department as well, this on account of the illness of his brother Chester E. Bush; to grace his memory also lives his widow, Mrs. Cora Winfry Bush. Let us note in the second place the other co-partner in the work of the Order, who was Mr. Chester W. Keatts. Just before Jno. E. Bush, the other partner mentioned above saw the light of day in Tennessee, there was born in Arkansas, Pulaski County near Little Rock another brilliant son of the race who was destined to combine his genius with that of Mr. Bush in giving to the world the biggest and broadest and sanest fraternal organization among Negroes. This young son of America was Chester W. Keatts, Mr. Keatts is regarded by all as co-equal in the affairs and work of the Order. Mr. Bush thought it not robbery to concede that Mr. Keatts shared equally with him in the work of the organization and should therefore share equal with him in the honors bestowed by a grateful order. Mr. Keatts like Mr. Bush, was appointed to the U. S. Railway Mail Service in 1870, and held the place for seventeen years. He was elected at one time Circuit Clerk of the Circuit Court of Pulaski County, but was counted out. He was also elected as Police Judge of Little Rock at one time. So well did he stand as a public man until when the Little Rock Electric Railway Company failed he was appointed receiver with a bond of $40,000.00. He married Miss Mary Nyphone, like his friend Mr. Bush, he was a natural born politician. He was inaugurated National Grand Master with the origin of the Order and remained such until his death. Mr. Bush died Dec. 11th, 1916, while Mr. Keatts died Jan. 16, 1908.

From the history and labors of these two men it seems befitting, entirely befitting, that their memory should ever be held green and sacred, therefore the present authorities have inauguratd and announced Founders Day, a day when all Mosaics are called upon out of respect to their deceased founders to cease from their labors and enter into their halls at a given hour and with appropriate ceremonies and programs do defference to the men who made it possible for hndreds of young people throughout the nation to receive a livelihood. Let there be no quibling, but let each and all do honor to him whom honor is due. It is the history of Great Men of Great Organizations of Great Nations to honor those who have done much for the race and for the people. It might be well said that no organization among Negroes are doing more for the uplift of the Negroes than the organization they founded. In view of which we beg to submit the following: The assets of the Order to date is $1,083 209.41, as per records of February 15th, 1923. The membership totals about 100,000. There are employed in different functions of the order such as clerks, deputies, etc. 1000 persons. During the war the order purchased $125,000, in Liberty Bonds. The records of May 5th, 1923, show a cash balance of $140,492.05. There was paid out during the year 1922, in death claims $267,972.81. The total income from all sources for 1922 was $750,000, of which **$421,466.34,** came to the endowment department alone. Total insurance in force Dec. 31st, 1922, $26 120,700.00, all of which testifies to the proficiency of the order and the sanctity and reverence with which we should hold the memory of our beloved founders. This mighty machinery is kept in force by the present corps of National and State Officers of which Dr. S. J. Elliott is National Grand Master, Mr. C. E. Bush is National Grand Scribe-Treasurer, Mr. A. E. Bush, is acting National Grand Scribe-Treasurer, Mr. Wash Jordan, Chief National Grand Deputy, Attorney S. A. Jones, is National Attorney General, Mr. J. H. McConico is National Grand Auditor, Dr. J. G. Thornton is Grand Medical Examiner, Mrs. G. C. Bell is National Guardian, Dr. D. B. Gaines, is National Grand Editor, Assistant Attorney Generals, B. G. Clanton and T. J. Price..

By the Editor.

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BLOUNT SENDS PROCLAMATION TO K. OF P.; HOLDS UP SALARY RAISES; SAYS NO PROVISION IS MADE TO PAY THEM

The Proclamation of Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount, proclaiming the action of the last Grand Lodge held in Mobile, Alabama, during the month of August this year, is in the mails being delivered to the several lodges throughout the district. It is a very lengthy and interesting document, covering much of the detail matter as transacted at the session in Mobile. In his closing remarks the Grand Chancellor makes the following statement: "I am proud to say that regardless of the times we are progressing. I am sure if things get settled we can do much more in the future. I am asking the co-operation of each and every Sir Knight, Deputy and Officer to strive to build the order in your district. In the near future I will issue a special dispensation for the state so that each lodge can add members."

While setting out that the Grand Lodge passed certain raises of salaries, the Grand Chancellor takes the position that no provision was made to meet these raises if the obligations already upon the Order are to be considered, and with this feeling of no provision to pay salaries, he states in his proclamation that the raises in salaries are being held up and that the salaries as considered before the Grand Lodge will be paid. The statement is full of explanation pointing out the difficulties in such a course and what is deemed by the Grand Chancellor a wise step to protect the interest and future growth of the order.

Here is what he says on the subject of salaries:

"In the matter of salaries raised in the various offices, I am informing you that on account of no provisions being made at the Grand Lodge to meet the expense of the salaries raised, I will hereby withhold all the salaries as raised, until the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, and will pay all salaried officers as heretofore. I deem it necessary to use this method in seeing after the interest of the Order, and when the Grand Lodge meets in its next session, it will be within their province to make such provisions as they see fit to take care of the salaries raised. Why I do this is because our present income from the Grand Lodge department as provided is not sufficient, as we have obligations already upon us to take care of and we are trying to get rid of these obligations before we take on others without making any provisions to take care of our present obligations.

I hope each and every member of the Order will see my position clearly in this matter, as it is purely and conscientiously done to protect the interest of the Order at present."

THE 24TH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GRAND LODGE OF THE SUPREME CIRCLE OF BENEVOLENCE

HON. J. H. WATSON, Supreme Ruler.

Supreme Circle News 7/30/22

The Twenty Fourth Annual session of the Grand Lodge of the Supreme Circle of Benevolence will convene in this city beginning on Wednesday evening, October 4, at 7 o'clock P. M.

This will be the first session held here since 1917, when the Grand Lodge convened for the first time in its new home in the Supreme Circle Temple.

The Circle is one of the largest Negro Fraternal organizations doing business in this and other sections.

It was organized in 1898 in Dougherty County and now has 818 lodges in Georgia, Alabama, Florida, North Carolina, Pennsylvania and New Jersey.

There are hundreds of members of the order living in other sections of the country due to the influx North and these still retain their membership in their home lodges.

The Circle was probably the beginning of the life of Negro Fraternal Institutions in this section, for since its birth many have brought into existence and are doing a commendable work among Negro people.

During the twenty four years of existence, the Circle membership has grown steadily until at this session of the Grand Lodge she assembles with a membership of more than 21,000.

The headquarters are in the city of Albany, where the mammoth auditorium of the Supreme Circle is located. This property and property in Florida alone worth $750,000.00.

With the delegates from the various lodges there will be more than a thousand visitors in the city, and according to the past reputation of the city all the delegates and visitors will be well cared for.

There are quite a few of the delegates who have not seen the Circle Auditorium, and many will come with the idea in view of looking over and taking the tidings home with them when they leave.

In this auditorium are the offices of the Supreme Lodge officers located on the second floor. These offices are well arranged and fitted up according to the original plan.

During the past few years the order has grown steadily until every nook and corner of this entire section is dotted with the membership of the Supreme Circle.

The wonderful foothold which the Circle has gained may be attributed to the fact that at the time the order came into existence there was a yearning desire of Negroes to come together into a closer bond of union wherein they could offer some protection for themselves and love ones after they shall have passed.

This they found in the Circle and starting with a small Endowment at the beginning, it has grown from time to time and year to year until now it is not far short of the older orders of the State and in time with its remarkable growth is destined to be one of the strongest in the country.

The attendance at this session will be large and due to the fact that the Grand Lodge Session was postponed until

October 4th in order to allow the many farmer members to market the most of their crops so there would be no hindrance to them.

Among the many things which the Circle at the qutset stood for was good citizenship, for in it are taught those things which means the inevitable obedience to law and order. Consequently many who have joined the order have seized upon the opportunity of that which was embodied in it, and have citizens of standing and influence with a competence attached to it.

The temple in which this meeting will assemble will always remain as a monument to Negro thrift and Negro energy. The officers are capable and far sighted; the Supreme Pulcher being a born leader of men. Each subordinate has influence and standing in their respective communities which is a requirement of capable leadership.

Promoter of Moose Order Has Not Answered Letter

New York Age
12/23/22

Asked For Space in Age Columns to Reply to Charges That New M[illegible] Organization Is Not Legal, But Failed In

Organizers of the Order of Moose in New York City have taken issue with the charge made in a letter in The Age last week, written by Edward J. Henning, Assistant Secretary of Labor, Washington, declaring that the order as was being instituted in New York City by R. V. Ridley of Chicago was "a flagrant case of plagiarism and in every way a highly improper proceeding in law, ethics and morals."

Mr. Ridley called in person at The Age offic eand demanded that this paper make retraction of the publication, declaring that he would protect the 3,000 members of his order in New York City. His attention was called to the fact that The Age had made no charges against the Order, but had simply published the letter from a high government official, and that while a demand would be in[illegible], the columns of The Age were freely offered him, in response to a courteous request, for a statement in reply to Mr. Henning's letter.

This opportunity was asked for by Mr. Ridley, who was accompanied by James B. Allen of New York City, a prominent figure in fraternal circles, and a member of the new Moose organization, and another unidentified person, who might have been, from his appearance, acting in the capacity of a bodyguard to the high official from Chicago. Mr. Ridley's visit as made to The Age office on Friday, December 15, and he said he would have a reply in hand in twenty-four hours, but at this writing, Tuesday afternoon, December 19, said reply has not ben received.

Ridley Makes Claims.

One of the statements made by Ridley was that he based his claim to the legality of his organization on the fact that he had paid a white man, member of the white society, the Supreme Lodge of the World, Order of Moose, the sum of $5,000 for a charter entitling him to use of the Order's name, ritual, and other paraphernalia. The identity of the seller was not disclosed, nor was any evidence offered as to the authority vested in this vendor to dispose of right and titlt to the Order of Moose. He denied also that Maj. R. R. Jackson, cited by Mr. Henning as one of the incorporators of the colored organization, had any connection with it.

It is alleged that some local members of the Order have decided to withhold further payments to the Illinois headquarters until assured of the order's legal status. Under the New York law governing the operation of fraternal organizations having insurance features the requirement is made that there must be filed with the State authorities copies of the constitution and by-laws and charter of the society. Members of the New York subordinate bodies have been asking whether or not this has been done in case of Mr. Ridley's Moose order.

Where the Money Goes.

One of the men alleged to have become a member of a New York City lodge is reported to have given information to the effect that a New York man is alleged to have paid $750 for appointment as head of the New York branches. The promotion of the order is reputed to be a profitable proposition. Of the $3.50 paid in by each member for initiation into the order it is alleged that $1.50 of the amount is paid to Ridley as chief organizer, or whatever his official title may be. Then of the dues paid into the local lodge a yearly assessment of $6.50 per member is alleged must be paid into the general headquarters in Illinois.

In the meantime, the reply to Assistant Secretary of Labor Henning's letter, which Mr. Ridley said he would make, and to which the columns of The Age were opened, has not materialized, and the question raised by Henning concerning the legal status of the Ridley Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Moose remain unanswered.

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Masons.

ALA. MASONS RUSH TO BIRMINGHAM; TEMPLE IS ATTRACTING ATTENTION, GRAND MASTER AND CRAFT ARE HAPPY

WOODS TALKS FREELY OF THE WORK OF THE ORDER IN ALABAMA. CONTRACTORS WORKING TO MAKE MASONS EXCELL IN BUILDING AND COMFORT. ALL EYES ARE TURNED THIS WAY.

During the past six years the Masons of Alabama have attracted unusual attention and commanded substantial respect. They have made a history unparalleled by any organization in the State of Alabama and stand at present the equal of any in progress and no doubt the peer of many of our substantial ones. The order in 1917 when assembled in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, according to reports made at that convention, owed the beneficiaries more than ninety-one thousand dollars, their credit practically gone and hardly no system to reduce the debt or increase the confidence of the Craft. That meeting settled the question when three persons worked continuously and successfully for the present system that cleared the debt of the order, gave it a lucrative balance and resource that stand it in good stead with all institutions and the marvel of Negro progress in the South.

The Grand Lodge will be held in this city, Birmingham, early next week, opening here Tuesday, August 21st. This meeting, in all probability, will bring the largest delegation of any fraternal institution ever holding its annual meeting in Birmingham or any place in Alabama. According to officers there is a large increase of membership, lodges are in better condition than ever and the entire institution from the head to the least lodge in the State has made some mark of progress. At the Grand Lodge meeting, the story of this year's work will be told and because of the mervelous success, all are looking forward to this convention as the most memorable session and the most business-like of any during the existence of the Masons in Alabama.

According to reports the session will be held in the Masonic Temple, corner of Fourth Avenue and Seventeenth Street. While the building will not be completed, the auditorium will be sufficiently ready to hold the Grand Lodge and this in itself has added to the already good inspiration of the delegates who will be here to inspect the building and rejoice in the work of so great a construction.

All heads are turned this way, Masons, big Masons and those of lesser light, are coming to see and know about the wonderful building that is the talk of Alabama and the entire Southland. It is a seven-story, steel-framed, fireproof building and planned in the most modern fashion for service, comfort and beauty. It is easily the biggest attraction and effort on the part of any fraternal order in the entire country. When finished it will indicate the vision and the big minds of the people of Alabama and the confidence they have in Birmingham and the Negro people generally, as well as the already good standing of the Masons of the State.

Grand Master W. T. Woods, in talking of the coming session of the Grand Lodge of Alabama, made substantially the following remarks. "The Masons of Alabama are making a history, not only one for the Masons, but history that offers inspiration and a proof of the ability of the Negro people when organized. Our order has not made this progress in a single flight, it has been by toil, struggle, prayer and constant devotion. I think our session will be the most successful and no doubt the most harmonious of any we have had. Everywhere we see progress, confidence, love, peace and good will. And but for this, we would not today be able to point to such a wonderful monument and race asset as the Masonic Temple located in our city, Birmingham. I am not myself, prepared to explain just how we came from what we were to what we are. I am not taking the credit to myself for this progress, this faith and confidence. I wish, first to give the credit to God himself, to the subordinate lodges to the conservative delegates who have stood firmly by the plan and rallied to the call and also much credit is due to the loyal members of our official family. And we would not pass to record in an expression of this kind without giving mention to the faithful service and continuous devotion of The Birmingham Reporter for its service and advocacy of the higher principles which characterize the spirit of a Mason. The Reporter has suffered with us and for a long time was the only publice spokesman that the Order had."

The work of the Temple is under the direction of the Windham Brothers Construction Company, one of the most successful business organizations in the race. The company is headed by T. C. Windham, whose genius as a builder has not been surpassed by any man of any race. It was President T. C. Windham who had the contract and superintended the work of constructing the Boys' Trades Buildings for the Tuskegee Institute at a cost of one and a half million dollars and the sanatorium for the Pythians in Hot Springs at a cost of more than three hundred thousand dollars. According to the statement of the secretary of Windham Bros. Construction Co., they have contracts have now under construction contracts for buildings and under construction amounting to more than two and a half million dollars. This is a Birmingham concern and operates its main office in this city.

In talking to a representative of this publication, President Windham said substantially the following: "It is a rule of this company, and I might say, the feeling of its president in particular, that we say but little in newspapers. In fact, I am not given to talking and don't care much about publicity. I might say, however, that we have put our years of experience into this proposition, the Masonic Temple, and we have laid aside any thought of particular earning to ourselves, and have tried to build a monument for the Masons of the State that it might be an inspiration to our race, our State and demonstrate in a little way the ability of our people. When this building is finished it will be among the best efforts of our lives. We have had the pleasure of erecting some very fine and expensive buildings, both for our race and the white race."

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Journal

AUG 27 1923.

COLORED MASONS WAGE BATTLE ON INTEMPERANCE

Woods Addresses Negro Masons In Birmingham; 1000 Delegates Attend Meet.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 27.—Declaring that intemperance is the monster evil of the race which negro Masons must fight; that thousands resort to "bootleggers' since the saloon has been abolished; that affiliation of Masons with drunkards must be denied; that Birmingham is the logical place for the location of the new temple because the Magic City affords ample inducements for large investments, Walter Thomas Woods, of Birmingham, Grand Master of the State Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, colored, delivered his annual address to the delegates representing 24,000 members of the order in the state at the opening of the 46th annual session just closed. Woods held the rapt attention of the 1000 delegates two hours and forty five minutes. He was frequently interrupted by prolonged applause. He said in part:

"It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to our new, magnificient temple in the firty-sixth annual communication of our order. The past year has been attended with many mine disasters. I always think of our brothers who work in the mines and pray for them. They are in more danger than many others. Among them are many men belonging to our craft. And, too, added to the mine disasters are sickness, disease and the failure of crops.

Bright Days Too

"But the year has not been all gloom There have been many bright days. Our people in our glorious Southland continue to climb upward. They are sending their children to school, purchasing homes, building better homes and buying farms. Whenever a man becames the owner of a home he realizes that he must be a law abiding citizen, that the law must protect his life and property or else he should go where he can get protection.

"The thing that worries me most is intemperance among our people. It seems that since the saloons have been closed thousands of our people resirt to "bootleggers.' I want to say to you there is no hope for drunkards in this life or in the life to come. We must eliminate this element from our order. The code of Masonry says this element must be denied affiliation in our craft. We must see to it that this law be enforced. We must stop the whiskey habit among our members. It is your Christian duty to fight this curse, this monster, at every turn of the road. There has been no change in the principles of Masonry from the days of King Solomon to the present time.

"At the last Grand Yodge I recommended the erection of a temple for our order, because I thought it was the best way to invest our money. I am delighted with the selection of this location by our temple commission because Birmingham is the only progressive city in Alabama where every racility could be afforded to make the investment of a half million dollars profitable. The Magic City is the ideal place for any business enterprise. It is needless for me to dwell upon the beauty of this stately structure. It speaks for itself. There is nothing like it anywhere in the world for negro Masons.

Masonry is a peculiar system of morality veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Morality is the established harmonic relation between men and the relation which man sustains to the constructive principles of nature. It is vast- different from that morality which means dogma. It proceeds from a basis of exact science. Morality is as truly and definitely a science as is chemistry or mathematics. Freemasonry is the practice in daily life what Masonry stands for—it is the living of a life on constructive principles. It teaches that man is a free moral agent and that if one desires to die the death of the righteous he must live the life of the righteous.

"Masons do not commit crimes. I do not mean mere members of the lodge. The lodge, like the church, sometimes gets members into the fraternity whoo are not of the right kind. The devil slipped into the Garden of Eden but he did not cease to be devil. So a bad man may slip into the lodge and commit crimes, not because he is a Mason but because he is a bad man and therefore not a Mason.

"Sober thought keeps a Mason from stealing; from violating the sancity of virtue; it will save him from murder, bootlegging and disgrace.

Stress Character

"We must place more emphasis on character. That word is fast coming to describe a man of moral excellence. It means the moral rising to the supremacy of the intellectual and spiritual endowment of the soul. It is the result of powers wrought by the cooperating energy of man and his Creator.

"We are usually too hasty in judgment. We should form the habit of waiting till facts are known. The average man acts upon impulse. If we should wait to hear both sides in a case our judgment would be different from conclusions founded upon impulse.

"As negro Masons we are fast learning the beauty and necessity of liberty restrained by law. We are fast learning how to respect, abide by and honor legal enactments. Masonry teaches these things.

"We are delighted to welcome to our

fraternity 4500 new members during the year. This is shown in the report of our Grand State Medical Director, Dr. L. L. Burwell. His report shows an increase in membership 2272 over last year."

Good Reports.

Reports read and approved by the Grand Lodge during the Birmingham meeting showed that the temple building, 4th avenue and 17th street, will cost when finished $525,000, that $250,263.46 had been paid on the temple proposition during the year besides $76,156.07 paid on death claims, not including operating expenses.

Receipts for the endowment department during the year amounted to $184,264.11 with a balance brought over of $176,612.39 making a total of $360,876.50 accounted for by R. B. Hudson, treasurer, and A. A. Peters, endowment secretary.

During the last six years of the administration of Grand Master Woods, the receipts have shown improvement from a deficit of $53,000 to an asset of $361,428.18 according to an exhibit of the endowment department approved by special accountant, W. H. Carter of Tuskegee Institute.

The report by Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay showed receipts for the year $9,930.51 with a balance of $5,063.39 making a total of $14,994.30, accounted for with the approval of C. N. McDaniel, grand secretary. This does not include $2,000 collected at the Birmingham meeting.

The State Grand Chapter Eastern Star collected $20,991.81 for the two departments leaving on hand at the close of the meeting in Birmingham $38,090.

All the officers of the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter were reelected without opposition.

The Temple Commission which has in charge of the construction of the building was reappointed and instructed to finish the temple before the next meeting to be held here in 1924.

MASONS SELECT WINDY CITY FOR MEET IN 1924

Largest Attendance In the History of Council At Philadelphia Session

Philadelphia, Pa., June 1.—The united supreme council of the sovereign grand inspectors of the 33d and last degree of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry for the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States of America convened here in its 42d annual session.

The supreme council opened its business session Monday morning at the Masonic hall, 409 South 11th St., with the largest attendance in the history of the council. Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander Sumner A. Furniss opened the session. Dr. Furniss was unanimously re-elected to his high and exalted office.

Twenty-six sublime princes were elected to receive the 33d honorary degree. They were Charles A. Bowles, Henry L. Thomas, David Tate, Alien N. Bentley, Ruben G. Bell, John N. Powell and Wayman Mecann of Illinois; Samuel E. Gray, Lucas B. Willis, George P. Stewart, William A. Gaines of Indiana; William A. Stewart, Brahmham H. Hyde, J. B. Hack, Iowa; Charles E. Williams, N. C. Blair, Michigan; Ira Haywood, New Jersey; Joseph J. Williams, New York; John W. Thomas, William H. White, Ohio; Andrew S. Coles, George Cochrane, Edward Stanton, Henry Walker, Pennsylvania, and William H. Bland of Rhode Island.

Seven sublime princes were given the honorary 33d and last degree. They were Wm. B. Rector and Lorenz Goings of Camden, N. J.; Edward F. Goin, Alberta, Canada; Thomas Barnett of Chicago; John H. P. Young, Newark, N. J.; Andrew S. C. Coles and Thomas W. Collins of Philadelphia.

Eight honorary members were crowned. Officers of the supreme council elected for the next three years are: George W. Crawford, New Haven, great minister of state; Robert C. Barnes, Detroit, great keeper of archives; Howard D. Gould, Philadelphia, G. T. G. H. E.; William Heathman, Providence, R. I., grand secretary; J. J. Lee, Columbus, Ohio, recording secretary; and William H. Miller, past emeritus secretary.

After a brilliant banquet the council closed, to meet in Chicago in 1924.

RLEANS SHRINERS FILE INJUNCTION

New Orleans, La., Dec. 27.—(By The Associated Negro Press)—Suit for injunction has been filed by the officers of Jerusalem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order of the Mystic Shrine (white) against R. L. Carter, potentate of Platta Temple No. 15, to restrain him and 100 others from using the name, red fezzes, emblems or names of officerso f the white organization. These white officers claim that if the Negro order is allowed to continue, $500,000 damages will be sustained by the white lodge.

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White Masons Of N. Orlean File Suit Against Colored

Associated Negro Press

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J. W. Leigh.

ALA. MASONS TO RAISE FUND OF $150,000 FOR TEMPLE

Closing Session of Grand Lodge Conclave Held, With Many Reports Made

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Sept. 6.—The closing session of the forty-sixth annual conclave of the Alabama Grand Lodge, Ancient Free and Accepted Masons, was called to order Thursday morning by Walter Thomas Woods of Birmingham, grand master, and President of the International Conference of Negro Grand Masters of the World. Arrangements were made to raise an additional $150,000 to complete the construction of the new $525,000 temple now in course of construction at Fourth Avenue and 17th Street.

Devotional exercises were conducted by the grand chaplain, G. W. Mitchell. Assembled in the auditorium were 1,000 delegates from 820 Alabama lodges, representing an aggregate membership of 24,000. Added to this is the Grand State Chapter, Order Eastern Star, now holding their annual session at the 16th Street Baptist Church, attended by 700 delegates from 500 Alabama chapters, representing a membership of more than 10,000.

Features of the closing Masonic service were the reviewing of the financial report showing the business standing of the order in the State; the reading and adoption of the grand master's address; reports from the Grand Chapter, Order Eastern Star, showing a membership of 10,121 and $38,090 on hand; a statement of the condition of the endowment department, by Dr. R. B. Hudson of Selma, and the laying of the corner stone of the temple at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Grand Lodge Prosperous

Reports of the special accountant showed that six years ago the grand lodge was $53,000 in debt, but the growth of the order now shows $357,737.12, to which amount may be added $38,000, reported on hand by the Order Eastern Star.

"This is the net worth of the Negro Masonic Grand Lodge above all abligations," stated Carter.

Special credit was accorded R. B. Hudson, endowment treasurer; A. A. Peters, endowment secretary, and Accountant W. H. Carter for the fine showing their reports indicated.

Reports in French and Spanish from lodges in Ontario and Haiti were read and interpreted by George W. Vaughan of Mobile.

The special committee which passed on recommendations in the grand master's reports were: H. A. Knox, chairman; H. B. Davidson, secretary; J. H. Brogsdale, J. D. Darby, L. Thomas, P. W. Sledge and P. M. Murphy, who reported favorably on all the changes and recommendations the grand master advocated, the most important of which were: That scholarships be granted 20 daughters of Masons; $3,000 be set aside for charity, and $2,000 to establish a home for widows and orphans.

Grand Lecturers E. G. Humphrey and J. B. Baker indicated the bright outlook for the local lodges in their reports.

Deputy Grand Master W. H. Mixon of Selma, presiding elder of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, read the report of resolutions, expressing thanks to the grand master for efficient service; to the temple commission, which has in hand the construction of the temple; to the newspapers for liberal space; to the local committee on entertainment of the delegates; to A. F. Owens for services rendered; expressing deep and profound sympathy to Mrs. Warren G. Harding, widow of the late lamented President of the United States, and expressing confidence in President Coolidge.

The oration for the occasion was delivered by Dr. W. H. Mixon, who reviewed the history of the order and paid a glowing compliment to the commission in charge of construction.

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Knights and Daughters of Tabor.

KNIGHTS AND DAUGHTERS OF TABOR CONVENE

St. Louis Clarion 7-28-23

LITTLE ROCK, ARK., July 26—The Knights and Daughters of Tabor held their annual convention here last Tuesday to Saturday at Taborian Temple, Scipio A. Jones, Grand Mentor, in charge. St. Louis Mo.

This organization, while operating largely through southern states has shown a remarkable increase in northern memberships since the migration began in earnest and at the convention plans were made for a probable extention of the work into several northern communities.

The Mayor welcomed the conveention to Little Rock.

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These Three---In the Hands of Whom he Affairs of the Order Now Rest.

Savannah Tribune
Savannah, Ga.

These three men are Messrs. B. B. Bratton, W. H. Carter and S. W. Green. The former is an accountant in the office of the Supreme Chancellor, the latter is the accountant for Tuskegee Institute and is a Certified Public Accountant. The character in the center is Supreme Chancellor S. V. Green, the dauntless and intrepid head of the Pythian Order of the world.

From the 19th of February to the 28th, these men perused the books of the Grand Lodge of Georgia. The results of their findings will be in the hands of the lodges within a few days. That is the financial standing of the order will be shown in their report

Before a detailed report can be available some further work will have to be done, the results of which, in addition to the financial statement soon to be delivered, will form the full report. This full report may not be available until July at the Grand Lodge session where all irregularities and discrepancies, if any, will be placed under the spotlight for popular approval, criticism and correction.

The work of these men has been thorough, technical and scientific. Not a single irregularity has escaped their vigilance and a report equal to any that could be rendered by any body, will be delivered to the Pythians of Georgia, detailing the accounts of each department of the order.

It has been stated by someone that the work of the auditors was simply a checking of receipts and disbursements. Rest judgment upon the matter until the reports are rendered. Negro men have done other big things. They have built up big corporations, compiled treatise on mathematics, solved vexatious problems entailing tangling meshes of figures, made intricate mathematical calculations and the results of all this thought have stood the test. Then why should colored men think that colored men cannot perform the tasks of public accountants?

3-10-23

Under the supervision of Supreme Chancellor Green, the never sleeping and ever alert watchdog of public expenditures, not a single irregularity was allowed to pass—not a seeming irregularity. He was ever present immovable of belief and critical to the core. Nothing escaped his vigil and everything that will tend towards bringing forth facts was noted by him, the time, the place, the cause.

"He yields not, he to man nor fate—
Though on the strife rests every vale.
Rent by the Saxon from the Gael."

Knights of Pythias.

TEN THOUSAND KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS OUT ON DISPLAY THANKSGIVING; ALA. STORMED: JOY AS ORDER MARCHES

STREETS ARE LINED WITH SPECTATORS IN MOST EVERY CITY IN THE STATE WHO CHEERED THE MEN AS THEY MARCHED THE VARIOUS STREETS AND AVENUES. CHURCHES FILLED WHEN THE PROGRAM STARTS; PREACHERS READY FOR THE OCCASION.

BIRMINGHAM DISTRICT LEADS WITH NEARLY FIVE THOUSAND IN LINE

The Birmingham Reporter

Three Brass Bands in Parade in the City of Birmingham With Five Companies of Uniform Rank Men. Grand Chancellor Blount Makes Speech at Shiloh Baptist Church. The Magic City Comes Back and Men Are Seen in Line As of Old Days.

3/31/23

By Henry O. Ruffiingood.

From every section of Alabama comes the good news that the Pythians of this State celebrated in old time fashion the Thanksgiving occasion, following the proclamation of Grand Chancellor Blount giving Sunday as the day for the celebration. It was a great occasion and quite ten thouusand members with an equal number of friends, listened to the good news of the Pythian organization from ministers lay orators and leaders in the Pythian rank, representing every feature of the institution. At every place it was shown that the Order in this state was succeeding beyond all expectations and having a greater increase of membership than at any other time during its history.

One of the outstanding features of this Forty-fourth Pythian Period was that a greater number of members took advantage of the occasion —got in line, marched behind drum and music to the place where the celebration took place. Laborers, professional men, including doctors, lawyers, school masters, business men, artists of all kinds, were seen in line in a happy mood, marching, giving praises to the Creator and bolstering up the Order. From reports, this was the condition in every section of Alabama and it is generally believed that this period of demonstration was general throughout the country.

Birmingham Makes The Welkin Ring

Between two and three o'clock Sunday afternoon the Pythians of Birmingham had assembled in and about the mammoth Pythian Temple with three brass bands ready to lead the parade. The line of march began shortly after two o'clock and when the units were stretched out marching four abreast they covered nearly five blocks. Marshals of the day, four in number, on horse back, were seen speeding up and down the lines giving orders, directing traffic and taking care of the general orders of the day.

The Uniform Rank of the Pythian Order was in the parade Sunday and was represented by five Companies in the Birmingham District. They gave good account of themselves and were under the general command of Brigadier-General G. S. Norman, who is accomplishing much in bringing the Uniform Rank to the front and giving prestige to the fraternity in Alabama.

Eunice Lodge 180 held its exercises at the 23rd Street Baptist Church where Dr. G. L. Thornton delivered the Thanksgiving sermon.

It was a notable occasion and the lodge was led in by Chancellor Commander E. G. Moore, who presided over the exercises.

At Sixth Avenue Baptist Church some seven or eight lodges assembled with quite a few of the Courts represented. Dr. John W Goodgame, pastor, delivered the thanksgiving sermon. Lodges Number 7, 22 and 70 held their exercises at Shiloah Baptist Church. Calanthe Courts Numbers 24, 262, 325, 330, 361, 369, 432, 437, 440, 442, 480 and 482 associated the Lodges at Shiloh Baptist Church and made a most beautiful presentation. Rev. A. Garner pastor, preached the Thanksgiving sermon and created much enthusiasm as he counselled the men to be brotherly. At the Shiloh Baptist Church Grand Chancellor R. A. Blount was present and delivered an instructive and helpful address. He spoke to the men of the progress of the Order and told of its work among the humble people of the race and how it was caring for the widows and orphans of Alabama and the program in the making for the furthering of the usefulness of the institution in this state.

The latest statement from the Grand Medical Registrar is that he has approved more than four thousand and two hundred certificates since the last special dispensation beginning the first of January and closing the 15th of March. The membership had this increase in about seventy-five days. It is predicted by the Grand Chancellor that the Order will increase its membership this year more than seven thousand, and in all probability a new dispensation will be issued within the next ten days.

The Knights of Pythias' Strength in America.

The Knights of Pythias is one of the big American institutions controlled and directed by Negro people, the number of lodges throughout the Jurisdiction is 3,723, number of members throughout the supreme jurisdiction is 158,442, amount of endowment paid to widows ending the last Supreme lodge session, 1921, $1,623,338.93; amount of endowment in treasury in supreme jurisdiction, $1,346,120.58; property owned by the Grand lodges, $807,197.56; property owned by subordinate lodges in supreme jurisdiction, $98,002.75.

It might be well in this connection to call attention to the $300,000.00 Sanitorium now complete in Hot Springs, Arkansas, one of the most attractive, serviceable and accommodating plants of its kind in the city of Hot Springs and the equal of any in the country. It has lent more in establishing the worth, thrift and forwardness of the Negro people than any other one effort in the last score of years. It is a monument to the Pythian order throughout America, and pictures the vision and character of the Negro race.

Alabama's Financial Condition.

It must be pleasing to every Sir Knight the country over and inspiring to every race lover to note the financial condition of the Alabama Jurisdiction, noting its financial holding, its holdings in the Sanitorium at Hot Springs of $20,000.00, its marvelous increase of membership which predicts greater strides and a stronger financial institution. The Board of Directors and Board of Endowment just closed their semi-annual audit and inspection of the records and accounts of the Pythians of this State and here is their statement:

Statement of the Financial Condition of the Grand Lodge, K. of P., State of Alabama, as Made By the Board of Directors and Board of Endowment.

Birmingham, Ala., March 5, 1923.

To Chancellor Commanders, Officers and Members of the Grand Domain of Alabama—Greeting:

Grand Lodge Department

Balance on hand at Grand Lodge August, 1922	$ 5,351.31	
Collections for term ending February 23, 1923	9,709.35	
Total with collections	$15,060.66	
Expenses including expense at Grand Lodge	9,244.59	
Balance to date	$ 5,816.07	$ 5,816.07

Temple Collections

Balance on hand at Grand Lodge August, 1922	$ 1,996.86	
Collections since Aug. to Feb. 1923	6,247.02	
Total with collections	$ 8,244.48	
Expenses since August to Feb., 1923	4,934.81	
Balance to date	$ 3,309.67	$ 3,309.67

Endowment Department

Brought forward last Grand Lodge	$136,818.73	
Collected since last Grand Lodge to Feb. 19	9,703.15	
Total cash	$196,521.88	
Disbursed since last Grand Lodge	50,678.49	
Balance to date	$145.843.39	$145.843.39

Investments

On mortgage, Tuscaloosa	$ 1,550.00	
On mortgage, Bessemer	1,500.00	
Pythian Bonds	20,216.44	
Total investments	$23,266.44	$23,266.44
Interest from banks	$ 2,070.91	
Collected on mortgage with interest, at Bessemer	580.00	
Total	$ 2,650.91	$ 2,650.91
Total Endowment Department		$171,760.74

Expense Fund

Brought forward last Grand Lodge	$ 4,210.45	
Collected from G. L. to Feb. 19, 1923	6,662.10	
Total	$10,872.55	
Disbursements	8,234.63	
Balance	$ 2,637.92	$ 2,637.92
Grand total from all departments		$183,524.40

Number of Members Lost During Year

We lost since our last anniversary	175
We paid death claims to widows	$42,487.00
Our present membership is	12,750

Fraternally yours,

Board of Directors:
Sir E. W. Routen, Chairman.
Sir A. G. Benning, Secretary
Sir W. H. Mixon
Sir W. C. Davis
Sir T. A. Ferguson
Sir Jerry Reed
Sir J. B. Butts
Sir Jas. Henderson
Sir Henry Dorsey
Sir R. L. Mabry, Grd. M. of E.
W. H. BRAZIER, G. K. of R. & S.

Board of Endowment:
Sir I. B. Kigh, Chairman
Sir W. W. Green
Sir J. D. Dumas
Sir U. G. Mason, End. Treas.
Sir Morris Smith, End. Sect.

R. A. BLOUNT, Grand Chancellor.

Texas Negro Knights Start Health Campaign

DALLAS, Texas, July 20.—The Grand Lodge Colored Knights of Pythias of Texas has started an active campaign to reduce the sick and death rates of Negroes in this State. The campaign will be waged through its 35,000 members, composed of men and women distributed in 800 lodges covering every section of Texas where Negroes live. Negroes will be instructed in the fundamentals of hygiene and sanitation, and told how to keep well so as to stay on the job and make themselves more efficient workers. They will be urged to cooperate with local, state and national health authorities in all efforts that are made to eradicate communicable and preventable diseases. 7-20-23

Prof. W. S. Willis, of Waco, is Grand Chancellor of the order. Under his administration the order has increased its membership during the past five years from 4,000 to 23,000, and a deficit of over $10,000 has been turned into a cash surplus of over $200,000. According to reports, the grand lodge has assets over liabilities of more than $500,000. The women's department is under Mrs. A. D. Key, of Greenville, Texas, and has a membership of 11,000, and assets over $150,000.

Springfield and the Negro

It is a striking compliment for good manners and friendly disposition that the grand lodge of the Negro Knights of Pythias of Massachusetts and Rhode Island pays to Springfield. Resolutions adopted express appreciation of "the uniform 'courtesy shown our delegates on the 'streets, in restaurants, hotels, theaters and public conveyances" and say: "Not a single act of discourtesy 'has been shown any one of us, nor 'a disparaging remark made in our 'hearing." And this should include Mayor Leonard, in spite of the disappointment of some individuals over his inability to greet the Pythians in person. City government night is an important time for a mayor, as anybody acquainted with city business can testify.

Springfield has always been friendly to the Negro, during and since the days of the "underground 'railway." As a group the Negroes here have been law-abiding and industrious. Many individuals have been valuable citizens. It is a matter of importance in local racial relations that one of the wisest, sanest, and most influential men in Springfield is a Negro.

NEGROES TO CAMP IN BRONX

Knights of Pythias Failed to Get Site at Elmhurst, L. I.

Failing to establish a camp to accommodate over 5,000 members of their order for a week or more on the old Staffeldt farm at Elmhurst, adjoining the residential sections of that place and Jackson Heights, the negro Knights of Pythias have made arrangements for a camp on a ten-acre plot at the junction of the Boston road and Baychester Avenue, the Bronx. The announcement was made yesterday by Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor of the order, who said that the ground had been rented from the Crawford Real Estate and Construction Company.

Henry Borum, a member of the Grand Lodge of New York, said yesterday:

"We decided to rent the farm at Elmhurst in order to provide living accommodations for the members of our order who will come to the city. We had permission from the authorities in Queens to go ahead with our plans. But then opposition arose from the residents there and finally on Wednesday, inspectors from the Queens Building Bureau came to us and told us we would have to stop as they would give us no permits to erect our tents and other buildings.

Elks of World Issue An Address to the World

The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World in their 24th Grand Session expresses its condolence at the death of the late President of the United States, Warren G. Harding; we reaffirm our allegiance to the flag and the institutions of our country, and pledge our membership to the maintenance and preservation of those high ideals that stand for true and unadulterated Americanism.

We appeal to the law-making body of our country, the Congress of the United States, to continue the wise regulations which limit the immigration into our country of the labor of the devastated countries of Europe and other lands, and encourage thereby the employment of American labor in the various industries of our land.

We condemn in unmeasured terms all organizations or societies which preach the overthrow of law, and which practice outrages under the claim of regulation of the citizen of his morals, or upon the charge of violation of the criminal law. The greatest menace that now confronts our country is the growing tendency to usurp the lawful functions of our constituted authorities by organized bands parading under pretended patriotic ideals, but which are in truth and in fact nothing more than unlawful mobs. We condemn the Ku-Klux Klan and all other such organizations, and call upon the lawful authorities of the states and the nation to suppress them.

We condemn the crime of lynching wherever practiced, and appeal to the Congress of the nation to enact a law which shall make this crime punishable in the federal courts.

We demand the enforcement by the federal government of the 14th and 15th amendments to the Constitution of the United States. We respectfully submit to the nation that if millions of dollars can be appropriated for the enforcement given over as a target practice ship. The following older ships enumerated in the treaty will be scrapped: Maine, Missouri, Ohio, Kentucky, Virginia, New Jersy, Washington and South Carolina. The first four have already been transferred to junk dealers. The latter four are to be used for target practice by submarines and airplanes.

ELKS TO BUILD HOME FOR BOYS

North Carolina Lodges Will Ask State Authorities To Assist In the Venture

By J. A. Jackson

The Colored Elks of the State of North Carolina, under the direction of State President Zack Alexander, and Grand Exalted Ruler supervisor R. McCants Andrews of Durham, propose to erect a five thousand dollar reformatory home for boys at a site to be selected by the State authorities. The funds are to be raised thru the medium of eight weeks carnival entertainments in the principal cities of the State.

Negotiations are now in progress with several carnival enterprises to play the determined dates serially It is entirely likely that a colored organization will be favored with the work. No matter with whom the contracts are made, Negro feature acts will be required, and Negro concessioners will be accorded the preference.

The Elks will provide parades with which to open the different affairs, and in some instances will have the active support of the Masons, Shriners and the other fraternities of the different communities. Negro aviators have been determined upon as a draw feature.

800 ST. LUKES LEAVE VA. CITY

Annual Session Closes There After Picking New York for 1925

BALTIMOREANS THERE

73,000 Members, Report Shows; 3,026 In Maryland

Richmond, Va., August 29.—The 56th annual and third biennial of the Right Worthy Grand Council of the Independent Order of St. Luke, held here last week, attracted more than 800 delegates and a larg number of visitors. The 1925 session will be held in New York city.

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, the secretary-treasurer, gave a detailed report of the financial and numerical strength of the Order. There are 73,000 financial members, she said. There are 63 councils in Maryland with 3,026 financial members. Mrs. Walker was re-elected.

Mrs. Mildred McCormick, of Baltimore, delivered her address as Right Worthy Grand Chief.

Dr. Ernest Lyon, of Baltimore, delivered an oration. Other speakers included Prof. J. E. Lee, representing the Urban League; J. Finley Wilson, editor of the Washington Eagle; M. Alphonso Norrell; Mrs. Emma Smith, of Baltimore; J. R. Pollard, Mrs. Lelia L. Williams and Rev. W. H. Jernagin, of Washington, representing the National Race Cingress.

Among the Baltimoreans who attended the sessions were:

Rev. Junius Gray, Mrs. Milton McCormick, Mrs. Annie E. Rice, Mrs. Lavinia S. Henry, Mrs. India Verges, Mrs. Fannie Liverpool, Mrs. J. W. Jones, Mrs. Addie Woods, Mrs. Bettie Wyatt, William Rice, Mrs. Ella Gibson, Mrs. Mary Moseley, Mrs. Sarah R. Jackson, Mrs Mamie White, Mrs. Octavia Parker, Mrs. Alice Chaney, Mrs. M. Burley, Mrs. Jennie Green, Mrs. Johnson, Mr. W. Brady, Mr. Julius Veney, Mrs. Ellen Johnson, J. Bagby, Jeremiah McGee, Mrs. Rosa Hunter, Mrs. Ellen Holmes, Mrs. Emma Smith, Mrs. Alice Mason.

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NEGRO MOOSE?

Vice Chancellor Ingersoll has been called upon to decide whether there shall be a lodge of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Moose in Atlantic City, composed of colored men and women. The Loyal Order of Moose objects to the negroes using the word "Moose" in their title, claiming that the public will confuse the two organizations, between which there is no connection.

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest flattery; and if that be true the Loyal Order of Moose ought to be pleased at the attempt of the negroes to form a similar organization for the people of their race. We have negro Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Catholics, negro Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows. Why not negro Moose? It is doubtful if the Chancery Court can interfere in this instance.—Trenton Times.

ELKS RE-ELECT J. FINLEY WILSON

Grand Exalted Ruler Given Another Term By Acclamation At Chicago Convention. Other Contestants Withdrawing.

Twenty-Five Thousand March In Monster Parade. Cleveland, Pittsburgh, Richmond After Next Session

A. N. P. Special Telegram

CHICAGO, Ill., Aug. 30.—J. Finley Wilson was re-elected Grand Exalted Ruler of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks of the World in 24th annual session here, today. Mr. Wilson was elected by acclamation. H. Adolph Howell of New York, Morris of Minnesota and Major Jackson of Chicago, all withdrew from the contest for the high office. This honor was conferred because of Mr. Wilson's activity in the interest of the order. He is said to have traveled more than 50,000 miles in the interest of the Grand Lodge and added more new lodges than any previous grand exalted ruler.

Other Officers Elected

James T. Carter of Richmond, Va. was elected Grand Treasurer; Geo D. Bates of Newark, N. J., Grand Secretary; Col. John R. Marshall of Chicago, Esteemed Leading Knight.

Mr. Wilson informed the Associated Negro Press that he would reappoint Rev. W. G. Avant of North Carolina, Grand Chaplain; and Henry Lincoln Johnson of Washington Grand Attorney. In his annual report Ruler Wilson favored a National Elks Home near Philadelphia.

Monster Parade

Twenty-five thousand Elks and Daughters marched in the parade on Tuesday. In the band concert, under the direction of Major N. Clark Smith, first prize, $250, Class A, went to Mitee Monarch band of New York City; first prize Class B., to the Pullman Porters' band of Chicago second prize and honorable mention to Fort Dearborn, Chicago; Class C first prize to Kansas City; second place to Booker T. Washington, Louisville, Ky.; first prize, Class D, Des Moines Iowa; second prize, Chicago Defender Newsy band.

The contest for the next convention is between Cleveland, Pittsburg and Richmond, Va.

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Moose Status in Jersey Changed By Negro Lodge Agreeing to Change Name

New York Sun

(Special Correspondence)

Atlantic City, N. J.—When the New Jersey lodges of Negro Moose agreed to drop the word "Moose" from its title, the white order, the Supreme Lodge of the World, Loyal Order of Moose, dropped proceedings against the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Moose, to which the colored lodges belong. N. Y. 3/17/23

As the Negro Order of Moose is a national organization, with headquarters in Chicago, it is thought that the action here in the Court of Chancery, whereby the colored lodges abrogate their use of the tile, it is thought that similar action will follow in other states, including New York and Illinois.

MOOSE SPLIT, FORM I. B. ORDER OF REINDEER

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

Four-Months-Old Fraternal Order Met In Atlantic City to Form a National Grand Lodge

3-2-23

BALTIMOREAN ELECTED HEAD

Eight State Lodges Drew Out To Form New Order of Reindeer

Atlantic City, N. J., March 1.—Nearly 150 representatives from nine subordinate lodges of the Improved Benevolent Order of Moose, met here last Thursday and Friday to form a Grand Lodge but instead representatives from eight lodges seceded and formed the Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent Order of Reindeer.

CUMMINGS ELECTED HEAD

The Rev. C. G. Cummings, of Baltimore, was chosen Grand Dictator, and Baltimore chosen for the meeting of the Grand Lodge in September, 1923.

Mrs. Rebecca Harding Ridley, Supreme organizer and one of the founders of the organization, stated that the whole cause of the defection in the Atlantic City meeting grew out of the effort of a New Jersey delegation led by Alex. Braithwaite to pad the convention with delegates in order to capture the Supreme Dictatorship held by Harry Pace.

When this was over-ruled they bolted. Immediately an injunction was obtained forbidding them to set up a separate organization in the name of Moose. Then they adopted the name of Reindeer.

ORDER FOUR MONTHS OLD

The order is only four months old and has set up nine lodges. New York heads the list with 2,500 members. Other cities represented include Newark, York, Norristown, Chicago, Asbury Park, Philadelphia, and Atlantic City.

Mrs. Octavia Washington, 1125 N. Carey street, Baltimore, is Assistant Supreme Organizer and is now in Camden, N. J., setting up a new lodge.

The work of promoting the growth of the Order of Moose will continue uninterrupted, said Mrs. Ridley.

The Grand Lodge of the Improved Benevolent Order of Reindeer elected the following officers: Rev. C. G. Cummings, Baltimore, Grand Dictator; Dr. M. Wilson, Atlantic City, Vice Grand Dictator; William Smith, Baltimore, Grand Lecturing Knight; Alexander Braithwaite, Newark, N. J., Grand Director General; John Stout, Newark, N. J., Grand Secretary; Dr. A. A. Brown, Newark, Grand Master of Works; W. Galaman, of Atlantic City, Grand Sergeant-at-Arms; R. W. Jackson, Philadelphia, Grand Treasurer; L. Brandon, Newark, Grand Legal Advisor; David Jackson Norristown, Pa., Grand Inner Guard; Raymond Coates, Baltimore, Grand Outer Guard; G. G. Jones, Atlantic City, and G. W. Edwards, Asbury Park, N. J., Grand Trustees.

FRATERNAL MEN TAX CAPACITY OF CHICAGO

Chicago Whip

"Hello Bill!" is the Popular Slogan in Chicago; Great Display

9-1-23

The antlered hosts of the Improved, Benevolent and Protective order of Elks invaded and took possession of Chicago early this week for their Twenty-first Annual Convention. They are the particular guests of Great Lakes Lodge, 43, and Fort Dearborn Lodge, 44.

Torrents of rain which fell on Sunday and Monday and threatened to continue Tuesday did little to dampen the enthusiasm of the big crowd, which jammed South Side streets to capacity. In the intervals between the showers they poured out into the open, displaying their pennants and wearing the well known purple fez. Late Monday afternoon the band and delegation from Cleveland, O., was seen marching through State street, regardless of the downpour.

At convention headquarters in the Unity Building, Indiana avenue, near 31st street, delegates struggled in through the rain all day Monday seeking accommodations. Arrangements had already been made to handle the visitors, and they were quickly whisked to their lodgings in waiting taxicabs.

Elaborate Program

A most elaborate program has been arranged by the entertainment committee, headed by Oscar DePriest In addition to the official program, an almost endless round of entertainments has been planned for those who came for the two-fold purpose of attending the convention and seeing Chicago, the wonder city of America Every place of amusement is offering extra and added attractions and numerous temporary places of entertainment have been thrown open for the week.

The convention opened Sunday afternoon with memorial services by the Metropolitan Community Center Church in the Wendell Phillips High School Auditorium. The first official meeting of the convention proper was held Monday afternoon in the Wendell Phillips Auditorium. At this time Governor Len Small, of Illinois, was scheduled to welcome the vistors to the state and city.

Tuesday morning the Grand Lodge opened at the Avenue Theater, while the women convened for the Grand Temple at the Pilgrim Baptist church 33rd street and Indiana avenue.

Early Tuesday morning all traffic was practically abandoned on South Side Streets. Long lines of automobiles stood at the curb on every street the parade was scheduled to pass through. Emergency traffic policemen were rushed to all intersections.

In spite of this, the streets became more and more congested, until movement was finally practically impossible.

As the parade finally started on its tortuous course, handclapping throngs blocked the sidewalks. Windows were filled, and men, women and children clambered to the tops of trucks and delivery wagons.

An escort of policemen preceded the procession. Then came the first automobiles, filled with silk hatted notables, Among them were Oscar DePriest, Edward H. Wright, Adelbert Roberts, and Grand Exalted Ruler, Finley Wilson. Behind them came countless bands, each with its own following of admirers. Then came the lodges, rank after rank, and the floats, and the women's organizations, and still more ands. Finally along toward the end, everybody joined in the procession, and struggled toward the field day events at the American Giants' ball park.

Two open air events vied for popularity Tuesday night, one a boxing event at the Hawthorne race track and the other a competitive cake walk at the White Sox Park.

Wednesday and Thursday the Grand Lodge was to convene again, with the Elks' ball, the social event of the convention, at the famous 8th Regiment Armory on Wednesday night.

Friday was to be given over to sight seeing trips to nearby cities, and Saturday the handshaking and journey homeward. 9-1-23

Fight for Rulership

As the convention opened a spirited fight loomed for the high post of Grand Exalted Ruler. Three conspicuous candidates sought the honor J. Finley Wilson, Washington editor and present incumbent; Major R. R. Jackson of Chicago, and Adolph Howell of New York.

Editor Wilson sought re-election on the record he made during his incumbency. His friends declare that he has done more in adding new members and lodges to the fraternity than any other Grand Exalted Ruler. Major Jackson, alderman of a Chicago ward, sought the office on the strength of his claim that he could create harmony in the organization. Alderman Jackson is known as a great fraternal leader, and his ability to cement warring factions has won him many honors. Adolph Howell of New York, brought with him the support of the Strong Empire state delegation. Each of the candidates established headquarters early Monday and they were thronged with ardent supporters throughout the day.

As the Elks thronged the streets and crowded into the public places there was nothing to be seen but evidences of conviviality and good fellowship. As the convention opened they bade fair to live up to their name of "the best people on earth."

ELKS CONVENTION IN CHICAGO ILL.

Kansas City Star

Kansas City, Mo.

The Elks' Special.

The crowd was a great one, the throng one of longing wishfulness of a happy sojourn and a fighting recreation as well as a wish to bring "J. Finley," Kansas City's own, back to the fold and encourage Kansas City Boosters for 1925. 9-1-23

The coaches numbered, two baggage, two chair, four Pullmans and a diner. The baggage car was just as full as the others, for everybody was all over the train. Some other coaches would have been added but some were not going to sleep anyway, so the trainmen were not bothered. Every now and then there was a lull in the distance of faint music—"the band."

The first stop to change engines caused quietude at Roodhouse, 6:38 a. m., Sunday morning. Such another snoring—who could sleep? The diner and oh my, when that bacon began to odorize those Pullmans, how they did arise from their comfort and besiege those fast service men of color.

A break in the trip at Springfield at 8:30 aroused the town with our band, painting the town blue and causing the old corridors to hum. Two numbers, then back on the train for the rest of the breakfast. The observation car was the next place of contest of wits for seats. Attorneys Calloway and Scott were busy settling claims for seats and had a sturdy plaintiff in Miss Josephine Martin for the rear of the observation. Officers Garrett, Cenner, Blackburn, McAfee Garnett and Payne were keeping order, but they did not fail to look out after their own interests as far as seats were concerned and other things that go to make yourself steady.

Arthur Dickens looked after us in great style, seeing that everybody had signed the little tan ticket. He had to go in berths, dressing rooms and smokers to get them signed, but they were signed just the same. Nobody failed to wear the little red heart that was given to us from the Chamber of Commerce of Kansas City—designating the Heart of America, the grandest and most progressive city of America. The morale was commendable for a special train, and everything went all right in good and real Elk style.

As we waited patiently for sight of Chicago and the hum of the Escort Band there was a quiet feeling of exaltation of honor being bestowed upon the greatest city of the West. There were one or two missed at this particular time to enjoy the special pleasure that was a mutual enjoyment for every Kansas Citian.

Theron B. Watkins was on time at every interval. Of course he was going to help his friend Dick make the C. & A. a successful caterer. Old Gil was on the job as usual telling somebody how he thinks is best.

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Knights of Pythias.

DESIRE NO STRIFE BE-TWEEN RACES

Savannah Tribune

Prof. Avery Shows Body Has Balance To Credit Of $75,792.01

Savannah, Ga.

Goldsboro, N. C., July 24 (Preston News Service)—"There should be no strife between the white people and the Negroes of North Carolina," declared Grand Chancellor J. W. Jones, of Winston-Salem, in addressing the grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, "but we should all dwell together in unity making this the garden spot of the world as God intended it should be"

7-26-23

"We have reached the place in life and history in this state where the two races should find a common ground on which they can meet and talk to each other, and spend less time in talking about each other Of course, we can only appeal to the white people of North Carolian because they make the law, construe the law, and execute the law, and they must see to it that law is supreme The social question has long been settled and we are satisfied with our own, and believe that we must build along our own lines"

The report of Prof. J. M. Avery, of Durham, showed the balance brought forward from 1922 was $74,473.03, and collections for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1923, $103,794.01; total $178,-359.04; expenditures 392,575.03; balance $75,792.01.

Addresses were delivered by Dr. J. E. Shepard, J. M. Jones and Dr. Kelley J. M. Jones was re-elected grand chancellor; Prof. J. M Avery, was elected grand master of exchequer by unanimous vote

PYTHIANS MEET IN $200,000 TEMPLE

Afro-American

Baltimore, Md.

City and State Officials Welcome Annual Session of Fraternal Order To Boston

Aug. 31st-1923

SESSION LASTS 4 DAYS

Military Encampment and Reception Features Program on Tuesday

By Franklin F. Johnson

Boston, Aug. 30—The convention passed resolutions today urging President Coolidge to put and entire colored personnel in Tuskegee Veteran Hospital.

Boston, Mass., August 30.—The eighteenth bi-ennial session of the Supreme Lodges of Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemisphers, is winding up today, after four days of activities.

The Supreme Court of Calanthe, the female auxiliary, headed by Mrs. Jennie Ross, is also in session. Both bodies are meeting at Pythian Temple, Ruggles and Washington streets, which local lodges purchased for $210,000, about two years ago. The headquarters of the Supreme Lodge are also located her.

Lieut. Gov. Alvin Fuller and Mayor James M. Curley delivered addrsses of welcome at the opening session on Monday. A big reception in honor of the visitors was given Monday night. A military encampment took place Tuesday afternoon followed by a military reception at night.

Rev. Robert W. Bagnall, director of branches of the National Association for the Advanocement of Colored People, W. Ashbie Hawkins, of Baltimore, the Supreme Chancellor; Mrs. Jennie H. Ross, of Baltimore, the Supreme Worthy Councillor, and Rev. W. Spencer Carpenter, of Buffalo, N. Y., were among the speakers at a public meeting Wednesday. Dr. Carpenter, who is Major Genera of the Uniform Ranks, preached the bi-ennial sermon last Sunday night.

Hawkins Re-Elected

Gearge E. Gordon, of this city, the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, W. A. Heathman, Providnece, R. I., Supreme Treasurer; and W. H. Willis, New York City, the Deputy Supreme Chancellor, were among the officers making their reports.

Supreme Chancellor and most of his cabinet were re-elected. The Beneficiary Board of which Mr. Hawkins is chairman, met last Friday. The Supreme Trustees also met. They are: T. G. Shuyler, Boston chairman; P. F. Marshall, Boston, J. R. Farrar, Bridgeport, Conn., and W. I. Butler, Baltimore.

The local committee, which includes the following, is looking after the comfort of the visitors: J. H. Walden, chairman; Mrs. Roberta Skinner, assistant chairman; H. O. Bowser, secretary; P. E. Mathews, assistant secretary; T. G. Schuyler, and Dr. Alice McKane, chairman of the housing

Charles Horsey, of Middletown, Del., and Augustus Fields, of Baltimore, are representing the Maryland and Delaware Grand Lodges. Miss Lillian Franklin and Mrs. Laura Garrett, both of Baltimore, are representing the Grand Court of Calanthe from the same jurisdiction.

Propositions from Forest City Lodge

Savannah, Ga.

To the Grand Representatives, Past Chancellors and Sir Knights of the Jurisdiction.

Dear Brethren: I propose to have presented to the Grand Lodge at Rome at its coming session the following proposition:

An Act to change the present mode of notifying the subordinate lodges of their indebtedness to the Endowment Bureau and the Supreme and Grand Lodge.

Whereas, the Keeper of Record and Seal of a subordinate lodge is the avenue through which its endowment taxes, etc., are paid, and,

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Be it resolved, That whenever a lodge owes the Endowment Bureau or the Grand Lodge, Endowment or taxes that the notices coming from the secretary and treasurer of the Endowment Bureau of the Grand Keeper of Records and Seal to the Lodge informing it of its indebtedness, shall, instead of coming to the Keeper of Records and Seal of said Lodge only, shall also come to the Chancellor Commander of that Lodge.

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T. D. OLIVER,
K. R. & S., Forest City Lodge 140,
Savannah, Ga.

New England Pythians

In 37th Annual Session

The New York Age

The thirty-seventh annual session of the District Grand Lodge of New England, Knights of Pythias, Eastern and Western Hemispheres, convened in Odd Fellows Hall, corner of Goffe and Webster streets, New Haven, Conn., July 16 and 17, 1923. Grand Chancellor Junius H. Walden in the chair. The Grand Lodge parade took place at 3:30 in the afternoon. About one thousand Knights of the Uniform Rank and members of the military branch of the Courts took part.

Officers were elected as follows: G. W. M., Junius Walden, Boston; G. C., Wm. H. Martin, Springfield, Mass.; G. V. C., Ernest R. Richardson, Hartford, Conn.; G. P., Rev. S. P. Perry, Greenfield, Mass.; G. K. R. S., Miles R. Gordon, Springfield, Mass.; G. M. F., W. W. Johnson, Greenwich, Conn.; G. M. Ex., Thomas G. Schuyler, Boston, Mass.; G. M. A., C. C. Harris, Providence, R. I.; G. I. G., G. W. Collins, Waterbury, Conn.; G. O. G., J. F. Carl, New Haven, Conn.; grand organizer, Benjamin F. Creasy, Providence, R. I.; supreme representatives, Junius H. Walden, Boston, Mass. James T. Montague, Hartford, Conn. William H. Martin, Springfield, Ernest R. Richardson, Hartford, Conn.; grand tribune, Miles R. Gordon, Springfield, Mass., William Grandison, Cambridge, Mass., C. Wesley Custis, Hartford, Conn.

Springfield, Mass., was selected as the place for holding the 1924 session.

Harlem Welcomes 5,000 K. of P.'s

The Amsterdam News

Chancellor Lee Crawford Overcomes All Obstacles in Locating Camp.

8-22-23

Harlem was gaily decorated yesterday to welcome more than 5,000 delgates of the biennial convention of the Knights of Pythias.

More than 2,000 delegates, men and women, attended memorial services, which preceded the formal opening, at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, Sunday. The delegates are from all parts of the United States, West Indies, Canada and Central and South America. The convention will close Saturday night.

New York

The Right Rev. N. C. Dix, Dean of the Department of Mathematics, State College, Orangeburg, S. C., supreme prelate of the order, preached the memorial sermon; Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green presided. Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor of the New York State Lodge, was in charge of arrangements.

An attempt to erect a camp to accommodate the delegates in Elmhurst, L. I., resulted in the loss of $2,500, owing to the objections of white residents in the neighborhood. Ten acres of ground were finally secured in the Bronx at Boston road and Baychester avenue, where the camp is now located.

The camp was laid out under the direction of Mayor Robert R. Jackson, of Chicago, who served in the war with the Eighth Illinois Regiment.

Chancellor Crawford's headquarters are located at 121 West 132d street.

Officers of the Supreme Lodge: Sir S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, New Orleans, La.; Hon. E. G. Tidrington, S. B. C., Evansville, Ind.; Sir E. A. Williams, P. S. Chancellor, Cincinnati, O.; Rev. N. C. Nix, Supreme Prelate, Orangeburg, S. C.; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Supreme K. R. S., Frankfort, Ky.; Col. Roscoe Simmons, Supreme Lecturer, Louisville, Ky.; Sir John H. Young, Supreme M. of E., Pine Bluffs, Ark.; Sir Geo. A. Matty, Supreme M. at A., Baltimore, Md.; Sir J. A. Blume, Supreme I. G., Winston, N. C.; Sir Henry James, Supreme O. G., Jacksonville, Fla.; Sir S. A. T. Watkins, Supreme Attorney, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. N. G.

Mason, Supreme Medical Registrar, Birmingham, Ala.; Maj.-Gen. R. R. Jackson, N. R., Chicago, Ill.

Wednesday, 9 a. m., guard mount; 2 p. m., genral inspection and review; 5:30 p. m., dress parade; 8 p. m., band concert and drills, at New Star Casino, 107th street and Lexington avenue.

Thursday—Governor, Mayor and city officials day; 9 a. m., guard mount, 2d Regiment, Pennsylvania, Kansas, Kentucky, Tennessee, Nebraska and West Virginia; 1 p. m., prize drill, Class D; 2:30 p. m., band concert, 1st Regiment Band, Massachusetts; 1st Regiment Band, Charleston, W. Va.; 3 p. m., exhibition drills, musical teams and Palestine Company B; 6 p. m., dress parade; 8 p. m., prize drill, Class B and military dance in honor of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court, at 22d Regiment Armory, 168th street and Broadway.

Friday, 6 p. m., reveille; 8 a. m., leaves camp ground; 10 a. m., parade; 8 p. m., moonlight excursion up the Hudson.

Saturday, 5:30 a. m., reveille; 6 a. m., break camp.

KNIGHTS AND CALANTHES OF THE WORLD SUMMONED

NATIONAL METROPOLIS WILL BE MECCA OF GALLANT MEN AND BEAUTIFUL WOMEN

Globe 8-17-23

Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, New Orleans, La., will call the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias to order in New York City on Tuesday morning, August 21st, It will continue in session until Saturday the 25th. Supreme Chancellor Green hails from the Grand Jurisdiction of Louisiana but has been often regarded as the Napoleon in Pythianism. It is estimated that more than two thousand will be in attendance including members of the Court of Calanthe, the Juvenile representatives and the Military Division.

The Supreme Chancellor's proclamation issued from his office is as follows:

"Office of the Supreme Chancellor of The Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

New Orleans, La., June.

"Proclamation No. 15—Series H.

"To all Knights of Pythias, Grand and Subordinate Lodges, Supreme Representatives, Officers and Members of the Supreme Lodge—Greetings:

1st—Whereas, Article VI, Section 9, of the Constitution and Supreme Statutes of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia provides that "The regular convention of the Supreme Lodge shall be held biennially, beginning on the third Tuesday in August, at such place as may be designated at the previous regular convention;"

2nd—And whereas, at the last regular convention held by the Knights of Pythias of the aforementioned Supreme Jurisdiction it was decided to hold the next convention in New York City, New York;

3rd—Therefore, I, S. W. Green Supreme Chancellor of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, do hereby direct the officers and members of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias aforesaid to assemble in Twenty-second (22nd) Biennial Session at Rush Memorial Church, 58 and 60 West 138th Street, New York City, New York, at ten o'clock A. M., on Tuesday, 21st day of August, A. D. 1923.

4th—The officers and members of the Pythian Temple Commission are hereby directed to assemble at Rush Memorial Church, 58 and 60 West 138th Street, New York City, N. Y., at ten o'clock A. M. on Monday, August twentieth (20th), 1923, for the transaction of such business as may legally come before them.

5th—The Committee on Finance is hereby directed to assemble at Headquarters of Sir Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor, 121 West 132 Street, New York City, N. Y., on Thursday, August ninth (9th), 1923, at ten o'clock A. M., for the purpose of auditing the books and accounts of the several officers handling funds for the Knights of Pythias aforesaid, the Supreme Lodge thereof and the Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe of the Jurisdiction of the Knights of Pythias aforesaid.

6th—The Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Master of Exchequer, Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal, Secretary of the Endowment Department, Major General of the Uniform Rank, Secretary of the Pythian Temple Commission, Supreme Worthy Counsellor, Supreme Worthy Receiver of Deposits, Supreme Worthy Register of Deeds and Secretary of Endowment Department of the Order of Calanthe are hereby directed to have their books properly balanced and send them by prepaid express addressed to Dr. J. P. Crawford, Chairman Committee on Finance, 121 West 132nd Street, in care of Sir Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor, New York City, N. Y., to arrive there not later than Wednesday, Aug. eighth (8th) 1923.

7th—The Supreme Chancellor, Supreme Master of Exchequer, Supreme Keeper of Record and seal, Secretary of Endowment, Major General of the Uniform Rank and Secretary of the Pythian Temple Commission are hereby directed to have their tabulated reports printed in order that each representative may be furnished with a copy of said tabulated report on the first day of the session.

8th—Officers of the Grand Lodge are hereby directed to forward to the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal on or before August 1st, 1923, their reports and representatives' credentials and all taxes due the Supreme Lodge in accordance with Article XIII, Section 10, and Chapter IV, Paragraph 24, of the Constitution and Supreme Statutes of the Knights of Pythias of North America, etc., also forward all taxes due the Secretary of the Pythian Temple Commission in accordance with the law adopted at the Twentieth Biennial Session of the Supreme Lodge, held at Atlantic City, New Jersey, August 19th 23rd, 1919, or suffer the penalties provided under the law. Also all back taxes due and unpaid.

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10th—The Committee on Credentials is hereby directed to meet at Rush Memorial Church, 58 and 60 West 138 Street, New York City, N. Y., on Monday, August twentieth (20th) 1923, at one (1) o'clock P. M., for the purpose of examining reports and credentials with the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal according to Chapter one (1), paragraph five (5) of Constitution and Supreme Statutes.

11th—Deputy Supreme Chancellors are hereby directed to forward their Commissions to the office of the Supreme Chancellor on or before July 15, 1923, with a full report of conditions in their respective districts and the future prospect of the Order in their district.

12th—The Supreme Court of the Order of Calanthe is hereby directed to hold its session in the Mother Zion Church, 151 West 136th Street, New York City, N. Y., at the same time as that of the Knights of Pythias aforesaid.

13th—The Twelfth National Encampment of the Uniform Rank forming our Pythian Army will be held at Camp Joseph L. Jones, at North Beach, New York City, New York.

14th—The Supreme Keeper of Rec Records and Seal has advised this office, under date of April 18th, 1923, that the Trunk Line Association has notified him that a rate of a FARE AND HALF for the round trip has been granted from all parts of the United States to New York City, N. Y., with selling dates from August 16th to August 22nd, 1923, inclusive, and good to return until Midnight of Aug. 31st, 1923.

Each person desiring to purchase a round-trip ticket must present an identification certificate. The Certificate may be received from the Grand Chancellor of the Jurisdiction or from the Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

15th—The Supreme Lodge Officers and members and Supreme Court Officers and members with other branches of the Order are hereby directed to assemble at Abyssinia Baptist Church, West 138th Street, bewteen Lenox and 7th Avenue, Sunday, August 19th, 1923, at three o'clock P. M., to listen to a sermon to be preached by Rev. N. C. Nix, Supreme Prelate.

16th—For information relative to hotel rates, quarters and other matters pertaining to locations, address Sir Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor, 121 West 132nd Street, New York City, N. Y.

17th—The Dramatic Order Knights of Omar will also meet at the Abyssinai Baptist Church, West 138th Street, New York City, New York.

18th—Delegates on arrival will proceed to Abyssinai Baptist Church, West 138th Street, for registration and assignment to their quarters.

The Committee in charge of the local arrangements is under the supervision of Sir Lee Crawford, Grand Chancellor and General Chairman, and have secured for us the very best meeting places and the best arranged Camp grounds that could be secured, and have put forth every effort to secure us ample and convenient quarters for lodging, in order that we may be surrounded with every necessary comfort to transact the important business of our Grand Old Order in Peace and Harmony and for the welfare and prosperity of those we have the honor to represent.

Given under our hands and the Seal of the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, this eleventh day of June, A. D. 1923, and Pythian Period XLIV (44th).

S. W. GREEN,
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Attest: E. E. UNDERWOOD,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

ATTEMPT TO SCARE NEGRO KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

East Tennessee
Knoxville Sentinel

(Preston News Service)

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WHITE RESIDENTS EXCITED OVER PLANS OF PYTHIANS

The Guardian

New York, N. Y., Aug. 15, 1923.—There was much interest yesterday in Elmhurst and Jackson Heights over preparations for entertaining the national conclave of Knights of Pythias on a part of the old Staffeldt farm, bounded by Baxter and Woodside avenues and adjacent to Twenty-fifth street, Elmhurst. This pilot is almost in the heart of the restricted sections of Elmhurst.

Interest was first aroused when a number of Colored men began mowing the grass and weeds that have been allowed to grow wild on the farm for several years. They said they had rented the ground for $2,000 for one week for the convention. The attendance, it was said, would be more than 2,000 men and women, and they would remain on the grounds or in the neighborhood for the period of the convention. It was said that a large tent was to be erected to meet in and also to house some of the delegates and that smaller tents would be provided for those who could not be accommodated in the large tent.

Representatives of property owners yesterday found that no application for building or water permits have been made to the borough officials as yet.

Secret Societies—1923.

Shriners, (Masons)

White Shriners In Florida Lose Fight Against Colored

St. Louis Argus
St. Louis, Mo. 3-16-23

Associated Negro Press.

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SHRINERS IN SESSION AT INDIANAPOLIS

St. Louis Argus

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August 10, 1923

MAYOR MAKES STRONG ADDRESS OF WELCOME

St. Louis, Mo.

Chief Executive Congratulates Delegates For Loyalty And Denounces The Ku Klux Klan.

8/10/23

By R. C. FISHER, 32o
Special Correspondent

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Aug. 7.—Early Saturday afternoon, 2,000 advance visitors had arrived here to attend the twenty-fourth annual session of the Imperial Council, Ancient, Egyptian Order, Nobles of Mystic Shrine and the Grand Court, Daughter of Isis, which officially opened Tuesday. Ten thousand visitors and delegates from practically every State in the Union are here for the sessions, which end this Thursday night.

A number of officers of the Order and other distinguished visitors reached the city last Saturday and Sunday. Among them were: Levi Williams of Jersey City, N. J., Imperial Recorder; Howard C. Gilbert of Columbus, Ohio, Imperial Assistant Rabban; Harry Knight, New York City, Imperial Chief Rabban; Chas. D. Freeman, Washington, D. C., Imperial Treasurer; S. S. Richardson, Daytona, Fla.

Potentate Given an Ovation

The Imperial Potentate, Caesar R. Blake, Jr., 33rd of Charlotte, N. C. arrived in the city at a late hour Sunday night. The Arab Patrol of Persian Temple, headed by a big brass band, met Blake at the Union Station and escorted him through the principal streets to the Shrine headquarters on Indiana Avenue. Blake rode in an automobile with officials of his cabinet. The chief executive was received with considerable pomp and dignity by a local committee of Shriners.

J. A. Jackson, of New York, staff editor of the Bill-Board and The Caravan, a Shrine Journal; Robert C. Buckner, Buffalo, N. Y., Potentate of Hadji Temple No. 61; J. R. B. Whitney, 33rd, New York City, business manager of The Caravan; Bert Harris, Des Moines, Iowa, potentate of Zeid Temple No. 90; Wm. C. Kilpatrick, Atlanta, Ga., traveling representative of The Caravan; Chas. Miller, Imperial deputy potentate of Buffalo, N. Y., and a party of twelve members of a temple at Rochester, New York; I. H. Bradbury, of St. Louis, Mo., imperial captain of the guard, in company with a brass band and patrol of Medinah Temple, who came on a special train, were others who arrived Monday before the session began.

President of Deacons Club

Billy King, the oldest actor of our Race, on the American stage, and a member of Kansas City, Mo., (Allah Temple of Shriners) is also among the distinguished personages who are attending the Imperial Council here. He motored from Chicago in his $10,000 McFarland touring car arriving in the city Sunday morning.

King is president of the Deacons' Club, a body authorized and approved by the Grand Master and ruling powers of Prince Hall aMsonry and its affiliated bodies, for the purpose of providing Masonic social benefits to the traveling show man and his associates allied with the amusement profession

Mr. King has been engaged at a fabulous salary by the Victor Phonograph Company to make records of his profession for that concern.

The largest apartment building occupied by Negroes in Chicago is owned by Billy King. Beginning Sept. 1, he plans organizing the first automobile insurance company in the State of Illinois, to be operated by his people. King was accompanied here by his stage partner, Marshall Rodgers.

St. Louis Detectives Make Trip

Detectives Charles E. Johnson and Ferd Waller, men of our Race, who are identified with the Secret Service Bureau of St. Louis, Mo., made the trip to Indianapolis as a special detail to the delegation of Shriners from that city. Sergeant Detectives Ed. Trabue, Geo. W. Sneed and Claude C. White of this city were generous in their courtesies to the St. Louis officials.

Shriners Lite Way

Several weeks ago a large crew of decorators and designers began putting up Shrine decoration, under the direction of Ed Sanders, of the Sanders' Regalia Company. Sunday morning their work was completed and the entire business section of this city, and every Negro home for the most part, is bedecked with some sort of insigna peculiar to the Mystic Order of Shriners. On Vermont Street, visitors behold the "Shriners Light Way" of two blocks, especially illuminated at night with a gorgeous electrical effect, presenting the air of the Moslems—a real oriental scene. Shriners garbed in Bagdad, Arabian costumes, began congregating early Sunday morning at Vermont Street to partake of refreshments and various kinds of souvenirs which are being sold by vendors, who have stands along the side-walk of the two blocks.

The most attractive feature of the "Light Way" is an electrical design of a brilliantly lighted star, twenty feet in diameter. Each of the seven points of the design carry twelve bulbs, eighty-four in all, symbolizing the Shrine colors of red, yellow and green. The star is suspended from a 20 ft. post in the center of the intersection of Vermont and Canal Sts. In white bulbs, mounted on the star, forming letters of six inches in length the word "Oasis" is seen from a distance, by the vast throng of people, who are going to and from this particular center of attracion.

Garden of Allah

St. Louis, Mo.

On a two hundred square foot tract just off from Vermont and Canal Sts., a mammoth canvas tent has been pitched. This place is styled the "Garden of Allah," and did open Monday night with a first class cabaret entertainment. Nina Mitchell, of Chicago, a talented performer, is appearing with pleasing effect. "Jazz" Baby Moore and "Neck Bones" Bright of St. Louis, Mo., widely known to the theatrical world as comedians, have a place on the program. An Orchestra of fifteen musicians is present each night furnishing plenty

Boxing contests, baseball games between the A. B. C.'s and Chicago American Giants, and other activities have been going on for the visitors since last Saturday night.

Monday afternoon an informal reception of delegates and an informal ball and reception Monday night at

Tomlinson and Machinist halls were big features, which brought together a host of Indianapolis' society folks complimentary to Imperial Potentate Blake, his officers and visiting Shriners.

A public reception for the Imperial Council and Daughters of Isis opened the program Tuesday morning at Bethel A. M. E. Church at 9:30 o'clock.

Governor McCray Makes Address

Governor Warren T. McCray delivered the address of welcome on behalf of the State of Indiana. The Mayor of Indianapolis, Lew Shank, was the spokesman for the city. Charles W. Jewett, ex-Mayor of Indianapolis, welcomed the visitors on behalf of the citizens of Indianapolis. Hon. Charles A. Cottrill, 33rd, Past Imperial Potentate, Mecca Temple of Toledo, Ohio, eloquently responded to the addresses of welcome on behalf of the Imperial Council and Grand Court, Daughters of Isis

Mayor Lew Shank proved to have been the principal speaker of the opening session of the Imperial Council of Shriners and the Grand Court, Daughters of Isis, at Bethel A. M. E. Church, last Tuesday morning. He congratulated them on their splendid showing and said that Indianapolis not only welcomed them here for the convention, but would be glad to have them return for permanent residence, because Indianapolis was the greatest residential city in the world.

Congratulated for Loyalty

He congratulated members of the race for their loyalty to the government and to the community in the face of the many obstacles that hinder Colored people from reaching desired standards of American citizenship. He said that he had asked the city employes to show every possible courtesy to the Colored visitors while they were in the city just as they had to other gatherings.

N. O. SHRINERS IN HIGH COURT FIGHT

Jerusalem Temple Seeks to Prevent Negroes From Swiping Name and Insignia

12-9-23

NEW ORLEANS, LA., Dec. 8.—Jerusalem Temple, Ancient Arabic Order Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, through its potentate and other officers today filed in civil district court a petition asking that a local organization known as "Platta Temple Number 15" be perpetually enjoined and prohibited from using in any manner whatever the name of "Mystic Shrine" or any insignia or badge used by Jerusalem temple.

"Platta temple" is an organization of negroes.

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Ohio-American

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8-17-23

Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 16.—Beginning Aug. 5th, with religious service and extending throughout the week with business sessions and a series of diversified entertainments the Ancient Egyptian Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine have concluded a week that has contributed much toward the understanding and harmony of the races

A sad note pervaded the ceremonies. It was punctuated in several ways. First, when a period of silent prayer was made the first business of the day at the first session. The decorations in the street, in the halls and the draped banners carried in the parade, all bore testimony of the Nobles brief at the passing of President Warren G. Harding.

The first business session, that of Tuesday afternoon was promptly adjourned after a message of condolence was sent to the bereaved family, and to the new President of the United States.

10,000 Visitors Take the City

Despite the sharing of the national grief, it was an assemblage that will long be remembered. More than five thousand members were in the city with as many more members of their respective families and admirers of the Order. In the different groups were a lot of show folks The big parade on Wednesday disclosed many of the great musicians of the race. Dozens of patrols and marching clubs participated, each with its band.

Billy King In New Car

Billy King, President of the Deacons Club of Masonic professionals, was much in evidence with his big McFarland car. He, with the writer, who is secretary of the club constituted a committee that presented Caesar R. Blake, Jr., Imperial Potentate of the Shriners with an engraved certificate of honorary membership in the Deacons. Coy Herndon, Alex Smith from Pittsburg, and about a dozen other Deacons participated.

The most interesting features of the parade, those that attracted most attention were, Cox and his mule from Pittsburg, that for its sixth time has made the annual parade bearing its owner in Bedouin costume; and Lattimore Dixon, the vaudeville acrobat who tumbled ahead of Sahara Temple for the whole six miles of the parade and then threw flipflaps in the tan bark arena prior to the competitive drill.

The "Lite-way" with its Oasis between Indiana and West Streets was an electric lighted stroll that would have cheered the heart of any old veteran showman of the school now disappearing.

On the "Lite-way", Egyptian costumed daughters of the Nobles of the Nobles of Persian Temple operated every known device for amusingly extracting the special coin of their realm from the visitors who had been provided with full pockets of it when they registered their entry on this Oasis.

Atlantic City Decorator

Harry W. Lewis, the Atlantic City decorator had the contract for the decorations, and with the funds allotted for the purpose accomplished a very satisfactory job. He has participated in the work at a similar convention in Washington recently and goes from here to fix up Mason City, Iowa, and Superior, Wis., for the American Legion. The "Billboard" bumped into him at General Headquarters offices where he was escorting Henry Shwartz, the New York novelty man, who had the souvenir concession. He had a dozen men with four stands on the "Lite-way" and he had a nice line of special goods.

Professor Blue, of the Blue and Haskell Music School, of St. Louis, was in charge of the Medinah Temple Band that led the patrol from that city. Lockwood Lewis, of Louisville functioned a similar capacity with the Louisville Band. Both are ex-minstrel troupers.

7,000 Attend Monster Drill

Charles Thorpe of Musical Headquarters in New York was marshal of the big parade, and with J. A. Jackson of the same city was timekeeper for the drill competition held before seven thousand people at the Fair Grounds coliseum.

Billy Benbow, another Noble in the Shrine had his big company of 23 people at the Booker T. Washington Theatre. This is their last time as they go to the Gus Sun circuit for a season's time, beginning Aug. 20. The Page met the manager from the Springfield office of the Sun interests on the day the contracts were closed. Marie Lucas is musical director of the show "Get Happy."

Sidney Kirkpatrick and his wife Laura Bowman were hosts-at-large for the show folks. These late Ethiopian Art Players seemed to have an underground source of information on the show people for they and Coy Herndon spotted them at their stopping places just as the folks arrived. They sacrificed a lot of sleep and energy to make things nice. The profession is certainly grateful to them for their contribution to the joys of the occasion

Newspapers Get Out Extras

The Freeman, Ledger and Recorder all got out special editions for the occasion; but we don't see how Wood Knox got out his Freeman at all, for he was too busy with the Page and his gang of show people and the thousands of others who knew him and his illustrious fatner who is one of the nationally known politicians of America.

Matt Housely and his "Six Sheiks of Araby" were the featured act at the Lyric Theatre for the week.

Theatre owner S. S. Richardson of Daytona, Fla., was the Imperial outer guard of the Shriners, and Noble A. L. Williams, pres. of the corporation that owns the park in Chicago, was a busy attendant.

The officers of the body are as follows: At this writing the Imperial Potentate has been re-elected, so has the Secretary and Treasurer Few other changes will occur, except those occasioned by illness and death in the official ranks.

Blake Is Re-elected

IMPERIAL DIVAN

Caesar R. Blake, Jr. Imperial Potentate, 406 East First St., Charlotte N. C.

Samuel W. Franklin, Deputy Imperial Potentate, 3702 St. Antone St. Detroit, Mich.; retiring on account of illness.

Harry Knight, Deputy Imperial Potentate, 99 Franklin St., New York City.

Howard C. Gilbert, Imperial Chief Rabban, 189 N. 21st street Columbus, Ohio.

Clarence W. Baxter, Imperial Assistant Rabban, 2061 Highland Place, Indianapolis, Ind.

A. U. Frazier, Imperial High Priest and Prophet.

D. A. Oliver, Imperial Oriental Guide, Fort Worth, Texas.

Charles D. Freeman, Imperial Treasurer, Court of Appeals, Washington, D. C.

Levi Williams, Imperial Recorder, 17 Orient Avenue, Jersey City, N. J.

I. H. Bradbury, Imperial First Ceremonial Master, St. Louis, Mo.

S. S. Richardson, Imperial Second Ceremonial Master, Daytona, Fla.

C. S. Williams, Pittsburgh, Pa., Imperial Captain of Guard.

J. Williams, Imperial Outer Guard.

Dennison, Imperial Outer Guard.

Watkins and Williams, Imperial Outer Guard.

J. Williams, Imperial Outer Guard, Kansas City, Kans.

Clarence Dunlop, Imperial Master of

The next

held in

week in August, 1924.

A committee of ten was appointed

Mayor Lewis Shank and Ex-Mayor Jewett made the addresses of welcome

to participate in the Negro San-

ger of the Caravan.

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Masons.

Dr. S. A. Furniss Honored

DR. S. A. FURNISS.

Indianapolis citizens note with pride the signal honor which is ours on account of the election of Dr. Sumner A. Furniss to the highest office in the gift of the Scottish Rite Masons of the Northern jurisdiction of the United States. Dr. Furniss as Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander, brings to his work a high order of intelligence, unusual executive experience, unquestioned integrity and whol-hearted devotion. He will reflect credit on himself, his race, his city and Constantine Consistory.

A banquet given in honor of Dr. Furniss, Monday evening, at Trinity lodge hall, by Constantine Consistory, was largely attended by members and friends. Mr. Clarence Baxter was master of ceremonies. Jewels of recognition were presented to Dr. Furniss and Mr. Clarence Dunlop by Roger L. Willis, Commander-in-Chief of Constantine Consistory. Dr. Furniss delivered the principal address. George N. Redd was chairman of the committee on arrangements.

York Riters Prosper

The National Grand Lodge of York Rite Masons has $30,000 in cash and owns $200,000 in property, according to John E. Sturgis, grand master for Maryland. This was brought out at a special session of the Grand Lodge which Mr. Sturgis attended at Atlanta last week.

PROF. P. L. DORMAN, SECRETARY STATE BURIAL DEPARTMENT

Is in the Southern part of the State looking after Mosaic State affairs. It is reported that he was sent there by State Grand Master Jordan to make some annual visits and to straighten up some lodges. Mr. Dorman left the city Saturday and will probably be gone some ten or fifteen days. Mr. Dorman is very well known and much admired in that section of Arkansas. As Superintendant of Negro rural schools for a number of years he came in contact with the best element of both Negro and white people. Grand Master Jordan said, that in sending Mr Dorman to that section he was doing so because of his peculiar fitness for the work in hand; he said that he regarded Mr. Dorman as one of the best informed men in the whole Order not only from a literary point of view but from a standpoint of fraternalism. Mr. Dorman will make a great many lodges and chambers in his tour: and will deliver lectures along the line of the great Order of the M. T. of A. Mr. Dorman is leading official of Zephro Temple No. 1, Little Rock, Ark ansas and won one of the prizes in the first Mosaic drive. It is hinted that he and State Grand Master P. H. Jordan are attempting to key their song to the tune of one of the big State prizes offered in the second drive. Jordan and Dorman are both shrewd and hard workers; and will possibly win.

SHREVEPORT MASONS TO BUILD TEMPLE

Preston News Service.

SHREVEPORT, La., July 11.—According to announcement by Attorney Charles M. Robinson, counsel for the masonic lodge, the purchase by the St. John's Grand Lodge F. & A. M., of the property next to the Antioch Baptist Church for $95,000 was the first step toward the erecting of a building, two stories in front and three stories in the rear, to be used for the establishment of a Masonic temple. Atty Robinson, said that this will be just the beginning of the structure. Later it is planned to add other stories to the building.

SCOTTISH RITE MASONS REPORT GREAT PROGRESS

Forty-Second and Fourteenth Triennial Session in Philadelphia. Greatest Ever.—Order Has Grown Immensely.—Thirty-Third Degree Conferred on Several.

Philadelphia, May 28—The forty-second annual and Fourteenth Triennial session of the United Supreme Council of the A. A. S. R. Masons for the Northern Jurisdiction was held in this city on Monday and Tuesday, May 14th and 15th, 1923. The session was probably the best in attendance ever held. The triennial election was held and the following officers were elected:

M. P. Sovereign Grand Commander; Sumner A. Furniss, of Indianapolis, Ind., Grand Lieut. Commander, George W. Crawford, of New Haven, Conn., Grand Minister of State. Robert C. Barnes, of Detroit, Mich., secretary-general; Joseph J. Lee, of Columbus, O., assistant secretary; R. W. J. Jeffries, of Detroit, Mich., and treasurer-general, William A. Heathman, of Providence, R. I.

Reports submitted showed a phenomenal growth in the organization, there being nearly 6,000 members reported. The 33rd degree was ordered conferred upon number of members from various parts of the country.

The organization voted to empower the trustees to proceed with negotiations for the purchase of a site already under consideration. As soon as the site is secured, plans will be formulated for a building to be erected upon this site.

NEGRO MASONS TO BUILD NEW TEMPLE

Structure in Birmingham Will Cost $525,000; To Fight the "Curse of Whiskey"

BY REV. A. F. OWENS

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Aug. 26.—Special to The Advertiser.—Declaring that intemperance is the monster evil of the race which the negro masons must fight; that thousands resort to "bootleggers" since the saloon has been abolished; that affiliation of masons with drunkards must be denied; that Birmingham is the logical place for the location of the new temple because the Magic City affords ample inducements for large investments, Walter Thomas Woods, of Birmingham, grand master of the State Grand Lodge Ancient Free and Accepted Masons (colored) delivered his annual address to the delegates representing 24,000 members of the order in the state at the 46th annual session here. Woods held the rapt attention of the 1,000 delegates two hours and forty-five minutes. He was frequently interrupted by prolonged applause. He said in part:

"It affords me great pleasure to welcome you to our new, magnificent temple in the forty-sixth annual communication of our order. The past year has been attended with many mine disasters. I always think of our brethren who work in the mines and pray for them. They are in more danger than many others. Among them are many men belonging to our craft. And, too, added to the mine disasters are sickness, disease and the failure of crops.

Continue Upward Climb

"But the year has not been all gloom. There have been many bright days. Our people in our glorious Southland continue to climb upward. They are sending their children to school, purchasing homes, building better homes and buying farms. Whenever a man becomes the owner of a home he realizes that he must be a law-abiding citizen, that the law must protect his life and property or else he should go where he can get protection.

"The thing that worries me most is intemperance among our people. It seems that since the saloons have been closed thousands of our people resort to "bootleggers." I want to say to you there is no hope for drunkards in this life or in the life to come. We must eliminate this element from our order. The code of Masonry says this element must be denied affiliation in our craft. We must see to it that this law be enforced. We must stop the whiskey habit among our members. It is your Christian duty to fight this curse, this monster, at every turn of the road. There has been no change in the principles of Masonry from the days of King Solomon to the present time.

Half Million Dollar Temple

"At the last grand lodge I recommended the erection of a temple for our order, because I thought it was the best way to invest our money. I am delighted with the selection of this location by our temple commission because Birmingham is the only progressive city in Alabama where every facility could be afforded to make the investment of a half million dollars profitable. The Magic City is the ideal place for any business enterprise. It is needless for me to dwell upon the beauty of this stately structure. It speaks for itself. There is nothing like it anywhere else in the world for negro masons.

"Masonry is a peculiar system of morality, veiled in allegory and illustrated by symbols. Morality is the established harmonic relation between men and the relation which man sustains to the constructive principles of nature. It is vastly different from that morality which means dogma. It proceeds from a basis of exact science. Morality is as truly and definitely a science as is chemistry or mathematics. Freemasonry is the practice in daily life what Masonry stands for—it is the living of a life on constructive principles. It teaches that man is a free moral agent and that if one desires to die the death of the righteous he must live the life of the righteous.

Not Immune From Evil-Doers

"Masons do not commit crimes. I do not mean mere members of the lodge. The lodge, like the church, sometimes gets members into the fraternity who are not of the right kind. The devil slipped into the Garden of Eden but he did not cease to be devil. So a bad man may slip into the lodge and commit crimes, not because he is a Mason but because he is a bad man and therefore not a Mason. Sober thought keeps a Mason from stealing; from violating the sanctity of virtue; it will save him from murder, bootlegging and disgrace.

"We must place more emphasis on character. That word is fast coming to describe a man of moral excellence. It means the moral rising to the supremacy of the intellectual and spiritual endowment of the soul. It is the result of powers wrought by the cooperating energy of man and his Creator.

"We are usually too hasty in judgment. We should form the habit of waiting till facts are known. The average man acts upon impulse. If we should wait to hear both sides in a case our judgment would be different from conclusions founded upon impulse.

"As negro masons we are fast learning the beauty and necesssity of liberty restrained by law. We are fast learning how to respect, abide by and honor legal enactments. Masonry teaches these things.

"We are delighted to welcome to our fraternity 4,500 new members during the year. This is shown in the report of our grand state medical director, Dr. L. L. Burwell. His report shows an increase in membership 2,272 over last year."

Financial Showing Good

Reports read and approved by the grand lodge during the Birmingham meeting showed that the temple building, 4th avenue and 17th street, will cost when finished $525,000, that $250,268 had been paid on the temple proposition during the year besides $76,156 paid on death claims, not including operating expenses.

Receipts for the endowment department during the year amounted to $184,264, with a balance brought over $176,612, making a total of $360,876 accounted for by R. B. Hudson, treasurer and A. A. Peters, endowment secretary.

During the last six years of the administration of Grand Master Woods, the receipts have shown improvement from a deficit of $53,000 to an asset of $361,428, according to an exhibit of the endowment department approved by Special Accountant W. H. Carter, of Tuskegee Institute.

The report by Grand Treasurer J. O. Diffay showed receipts for the year $9,930 with a balance of $5,063, making a total of $14,994 accounted for with the approval of C. N. McDaniel, grand secretary. This does not include $2,060 collected at the Birmingham meeting.

The state grand chapter Eastern Star collected $20,991 for the two departments leaving on hand at the close of the meeting in Birmingham $38,090.

All officers of both state orders were unanimously reelected. The temple commission in charge of the construction of the seven story structure to cost $525,000 was reappointed and instructed to complete the work before the meeting of next grand lodge to be held in Birmingham.

Mayor Kiel To Address Order Of Eastern Star

The thirty-third annual session of the Grand United Chapter Order of Eastern Star, will be held in St. Louis June 27 to 29th inclusive at Lane Tabernacle C. M. E. Church, Enright and Newstead Avennes.

Hon. Henry W. Kiel, Mayor of St. Louis will make the welcome address, Wednesday night, the 27th.

Thursday, the 28th, the principal feature will be the public installation of the elected grand officers at the Argus Hall, 2312 Market Street. Mrs. Lottie Gamble of New York City, Past Grand Matron and Mr. Robert P. Jackson, Past Grand Patron, St. Paul, Minn., will officiate during the grand sessions. An elaborate program with such unusual features as the DeLuxe Quartette and the famous Odd Fellows' Band, will be among the attractions Thursday night. Mrs. M. A. Hedgeman, Grand Worthy Matron of the Eastern Stars of Missouri, resides in St. Louis.

SPECIAL AND IMPORTANT NEWS FROM CHICAGO MOSAICS IMIGRANTS TAKE NOTICE

NEGRO MIGRATION

Steps are being taken by Bethel Church, 4200 Grand Boulevard, Dr. C. M. Tanner, pastor to map out a program in reference to the duty of the Negro churches toward the thousands of colored people who are migrating from various sections of the South to Chicago. It is estimated that not less than two or three hundred people arrive here every week. Many men are coming with the thought of sending for their families later while many have their families and all their worldly possesson with them. In many instances they are practically living in peonage in certain sections of the country. By moving to other sections of the country, where honest toil is appreciated their conditions will be immeasurably improved.

Thus far the colored churches of Chicago have not worked out any united or definite plan to deal with the problem of southern migration. Some of the pastors of the leading churches are striving to have cooperation in this work. Denominational lines will be obliterated in this church uplift work. Request have been made that special sermons be preached to the strangers who are within our gates, letting them know the new and graver responsibility that rest upon them in the highly organized life of the great city. It is intended that they shall be met at the trains, whenever necessary taken to a central stopping place, also they will be informed of the location of the various churches, banks, insurance companies and other Negro business enterprises. Proper home surroundings will be secured and the imigrant will be advised in plain talks as to his best interest and warnings of the pitfalls and dangers of the city.

A free employment bureau and labor exchange has been opened at the above church. Good wages, steady work. Write 359 E.. 42nd Street, Mrs. N. Hayes, secretary or come to Bethel's Free Employment Bureau and secure work.

The first meeting, looking forward to this work will be held, Tuesday June 26, 1923 at 2 P. M., at Bethel A. M. E. Church, 4200 Grand Boulevard.

OMAHA MASONS IN 6-DAY CELEBRATION

Is First Temple of Colored Shriners To Adopt This Growing Form of Entertainment

ALSO INDOOR CARNIVAL

Organization To Play In-Doors For 116 Temples Next Season

By J. A. Jackson

Zaha Temple, No. 52 of Omaha, Neb., A. E. A. Order of the Mystic Shrine of Omaha, Neb. will begin a six-day celebration on May 21 in that city, thereby becoming the pioneer Negro organization of Masons to take up the popular form of celebration that has made such progress with the other Shriners of the country. George Boone of 101 North 16 street is in charge of the celebration. Sir Lorin Singleton is the Potentate of the Temple and J. W. Scott is its Recorder. Mr. Boone's advertisement in the last issue of the Billboard indicates that he is evidently show wise.

In this connection it may be stated that next season will see a completely equipped organization headed by Al Wells, with its business end handled by H. D. Collins in the Putman Building, New York, on the road especially designed to playin in-door dates for 116 Negro Temples of this order. Mr. Wells who is a member of Moolah Temple in Memphis is assembling a big group of all-colored acts for the purpose. A trained bear act, a trained pony act, a dog act, two aerial acts and an acrobatic team have already been contracted.

The Jones-Jenkins Carnival Company, under the direction of S. H. Dudley, after the close of the outdoor season and the fair dates, will be re-arranged to be adapted to the same sort of presentation. This show will be presented very largely under the auspices of the Elks.

The two projects have already been approved by Caesar R. Blake, Jr. Imperial Potentate of the Shrin-ers, and J. Finley Wilson the Grand Exalted Ruler of the Elks. More than fifty Negro acts and over a hundred experienced concessioners are available for making up the personnel of the two organizations.

33d Degree Masons Meet in Phila.

Re-elect Sumner A. Furniss Head of Supreme Council; Meet Next in Chicago.

By J. R. B. WHITNEY.

PHILADELPHIA, May 28.—The Supreme Council of Prince Hall Masons opened its regular forty-second annual session, Northern Jurisdiction, at the Masonic Hall, 409 South Eleventh Street, last Monday, with the largest attendance in the history of the Council. Most Puissant Sovereign Grand Commander Sumner Alexander Furniss opened the session in regular ritualistic form.

Twenty-six Sublime Princes were elected to receive the Thirty-third and last Degree, as follows. Illinois—Chas. A. Bowles, Henry L. Thomas, David Tate, Allen N. Bentley, Ruben G. Bell, John N. Powell Wayman Mechann. Indiana—Samuel E Gray, Lucas B. Willis, Geo. P. Stewart, Wm. A. Gaines. Iowa—Wm. A. Stewart, Bramham N. Hyde, J. B. Hack. Michigan—Chas. E. Williams, Nathaniel C. Blair. New Jersey—Ira Haywood. New York—Joseph J. Williams. Ohio—John W. Thomas. Wm. H. White. Pennsylvania—Andrew S. Coles. Geo. Cochrane. Edward Stanton. Henry Walker. Rhode Island—Wm. H. Bland.

Seven Sublime Princes were given the honorary Thirty-third and last Degree, as follows: Wm. B. Rector, Lorenzo Goings, Camden, N. J.; Edward F. Goin, Alberta, Canada; Thomas Barnett, Chicago, Ill; John H. Young, Newark, N. J.; Andrew S. Coles, Thomas W. Collins, Philadelphia, Pa.

Nine honorary members were crowned and listed as active: James Whittington, New Haven, Conn.; Alex. Jeffries, Atlantic City, N. J.; Horace Benj. Cooper, Robt. I. Hodge, Chicago; Clarence W. Baxter, Indianapolis; Ellis Moore, Columbus; C. H. Foreman, Buffalo; John P. Scott, Harrisburg; D. W. Parker, New York City.

Officers of the Supreme Council for the next three years were elected, as follows: M. P. S. G. C., Sumner A. Furniss; M. P. L. G. C., Geo W. Crawford, New Haven, Conn.; Grand Minister of State, R. C. Barnes, Detroit; G. K of Archives, Howard D Gould Philadelphia Pa; G. T. G. H. E, Wm. A. Heathman, Providence, R. I.; G. Sec. G. H. E., J. J. Lee, Columbus, O; Rec. Sec. G. H. E., R. W. J. Jeffries, Detroit; Wm. H. Miller, who has been the faithful secretary of the Supreme Council for a number of years, was elected past emeritus Sec. Trustees—Sumner A. Furniss, three years; Howard D. Gould, two years; Alex. Jeffries, two years; Jas. C. Richards, one year; Wm. R. Morris, three years.

The session was closed with a banquet, and will meet in Chicago in 1924.

MASONS RUSH TO AID JAPANESE

By JAMES A. JACKSON
Editorial Staff of the Billboard

One of the most emphatic demonstrations of the progress of the Negro, of the continued sense of sympathy of the race, and of the splendid blending of the age old spirit of helplessness with the more solemn influence of the colored people, is provided by the prompt action of David W. Parker, the most worshipful grandmaster of the Ancient Honorable Fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, Prince Hall, who called upon every unit of the craft in his jurisdiction, including the affiliated higher branches to come to the relief of the Japanese earthquake sufferers.

The proclamation issued by the Grandmaster, countersigned by A. A. Schornburg, Secretary, reads in part:

"Free Masonry teaches us to relieve the afflicted and aid those in distress, and as these people are members of the human family, it is our bounded duty to aid them to the best of our ability—therefore, the Masonic family in this jurisdiction is asked to contribute as much as their means will allow and the necessity of those in distress demands."

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Knights of the Invisible Colored Kingdom.

Knights of Colored Kingdom Get ... arter

Associated Press Report.

NASHVILLE, Tenn., Aug. 20. — A charter was granted by the secretary of State today to the "Knights of the Invisible Colored Kingdom," whose headquarters are in Chattanooga and whose purpose was, as given in the application, "the organizing of male members of the negro race into grand and subordinate organizations, teaching the principles of good citizenship and their political duties and possibilities."

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K. OF P. IN BIENNIAL SESSION

The Chicago Attended

Chicago

By CHARLES T. MAGILL

New York, Aug. 17.—Delegates and visitors to the 22d biennial session of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Autsralia which opens here officially Monday night, are already arriving. By Monday morning it is expected that 20,000 visitors will be in our midst.

The official program includes a special sermon by Dr. N. C. Nix of Orangeburg, S. C., the supreme prelate, to the supreme lodge, supreme court and visiting knights and Calanthes Sunday afternoon at 3 at Abyssinian Baptist church, West 138th St., where the convention will hold its sessions. Monday evening the delegates will be welcomed to the state of New York by Gov. Al Smith. His address of welcome will be responded to by Col. Roscoe Conkling Simmons of Chicago.

Tuesday night the grand Pythian patriotic mardi gras parade is scheduled to begin at 8:30. This will be a march of customs and is expected to prove a colorful and enjoyable event. The competitive drill will be held Wednesday evening and Thursday at the camp a review is to be held at which the governor, mayor and other officials are expected to be the reviewers.

Big Parade Friday

Friday morning at 11 the big parade is scheduled to begin. In line there will be 8,000 uniform rank men, 1,000 civilians, 500 D. O. K. O. and 500 Calanthe drill corps in uniform, the ladies' uniform rank. The parade forms at 140th St. and Seventh Ave., moves south on Seventh Ave. to 110th St., east to Fifth Ave., down Fifth Ave. to 59th St., where it will disband. Leading the procession will be Major General R. R. Jackson of Chicago, the supreme head of the uniform rank. The crack band of the Eighth Illinois national guard regiment will render special music at all events during the entire session. The parade should be the largest fraternal showing of any organization ever seen in this city.

The camp will be located at 25th St. and Baxter Ave., Corona, and a number of interesting events are planned, including guard mount cannon salute, dress parade and band concerts. Participating in the band concerts will be bands from Pittsburgh, the Ninth Battalion band from Columbus, Ohio, First Regiment band from Kansas City, First Regiment band from Atlanta, Ga., and one from Indianapolis.

General Jackson will be assisted in command of the camp by Brigadier General R. R. Johnson of New York. This will be the first opportunity that New Yorkers have ever had to see this entire body of military-fraternal men in encampment and the rails are certain to be hot to Corona during the life of the camp.

Committee Works Hard

Sir Lee Crawford, supreme chancellor, state of New York, is the general chairman of the entertainment committee. He is being assisted by his entire staff. They have made careful and well laid plans for receiving and housing the visitors and delegates and for their pleasure while in the wonder city of the country. At the two big terminals, Pennsylvania and Grand Central, several members of the committee will be stationed Friday, Saturday and Sunday to meet those coming for the convention and direct them to some place for lodging.

In addition the committee has planned a moonlight excursion up the Hudson Friday evening for the visitors. They call attention to some of the sights worth seeing in the city, such as Grant's tomb, the Aquarium, Statue of Liberty, American Museum of Natural Art and the Museum of National History, Brooklyn navy yard, Coney Island, Bronx, Central and Prospect parks and the elaborate subway systems of New York. Sightseeing tours taking in all these sights have been arranged. In memory of the late Joe Jones of Cincinnati the camp in Corona will be named Camp Joseph L. Jones.

A rather spirited contest is expected for the office of supreme chancellor, now held by S. W. Green of New Orleans. All the other officers will be balloted for at this session and the most successfu convention ever held is looked forward to by all.

SUPREME LODGE K. OF P. SESSION CLOSES IN N. Y.

St. Louis Aug.

Much Rejoicing When Missouri And Virginia Return To Fold. Missouri Delegates Seated Without Opposition.

St. Louis, Mo.,

All Old Officers Are Re-elected. Louisville, Ky. Gets Next Session.

Aug. 31, 1923

Knights of Pythias.

By Chas. Stewart

NEW YORK CITY, Aug. 28.—"Come let us work together for the betterment and uplift of humanity for 'united we stand, divided we fall,' " was the invitation extended by Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans, which brought together one united effort of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia in the 22nd biennial session which closed here Friday night and selected Louisville, Ky. for the 23rd biennial session to be held August, 1925.

Peace and harmony prevailed thruout the session and S. W. Green was unanimously elected Supreme Chancellor—in fact all the officers were re-elected by unanimous vote, and Ernest G. Tidrington of Evansville, is again at the head of the Supreme Court of Calanthe.

The officers are S. W. Green, New Orleans, Supreme Chancellor; E. G. Tidrington, Evansville, Ind., Supreme Vice Chancellor; Dr. E. A. Williams, Cincinnati, Supreme Past Chancellor; Rev. N. C. Nix, Orangeburg, S. C., Supreme Prelate; Dr. E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky., Supreme keeper of records and seal; Roscoe C. Simmons ,Louisville, Ky. supreme lecturer; John Young, Pine Bluff, Ark., supreme master of exchequer; George A. Watty, Baltimore Md. supreme master at arms; J. A. Blume, Winston-Salem, N. C., supreme inner guard; Henry James Jacksonville, Fla., supreme outer guard; S. A. T. Watkins, Chicago supreme attorney; Dr. U. G. Mason Birmingham, Ala., supreme medical registrar; R. R. Jackson, Chicago, supreme Major General Uniform Rank; C. B. Wickham, Oklahoma City, Okla W. S. Willis, Waco, Texas; Lee Crawford, New York City; George N. Stoney, Augusta, Ga.; Dr. C. M. Wade, Hot Springs, Ark.; B. G. Collier, Philadelphia, Pa.; W. W. Andrews, Jacksonville, Fla., members of the Pythian Temple and Santarium Commission.

The reception and welcome addresses marked the opening on Monday night, and then followed Tuesday morning the opening of the supreme lodge in Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion church and the supreme court of Calanthe in Mother Zion church. Sunshine characterized the opening of both bodies and was carried out throughout the entire session. When the supreme lodge had opened in keeping with the form of Pythians, Supreme Chancellor Green officially announced that the Grand Jurisdiction of Virginia had satisfied the supreme lodge and ordered that the representatives from that state be admitted, and for the first time since 1911 Virginia sat in the supreme lodge. The representatives headed by Grand Chancellor Reid were presented to the body and were given a cordial reception and ovation. The announcement of committees followed.

Missouri Delegates Seated

Missouri, headed by Grand Chancellor Lloyd, was also seated, thus bringing all the Pythians together under one banner. There was a rejoicing at this. Grand Chancellor Reid said, with the exception of Dr. E. A. Williams, he was the oldest Pythian present, as he was in the session held in New York, and it was a fitting place for his jurisdiction to return to the rank. He said that they returned for the purpose of working together in love and union.

Supreme Court

Mrs. Norene Davis, supreme lecturer, made a report which caused much comment and won for her a place in the hearts of the women. She showed that she was conversant with the work of the order. There was also much comment on the reports of Mrs. Mary J. Hazelwood, supreme worthy recorder of deeds. She is considered an able secretary.

Mrs. Anna J. Mundy reported on the money matters. Every cent was accounted for. The officers of the Supreme Court are:

Ernest C. Tidrington, Evansville Ind., S. W. C.; Mrs. M. S. Grant Darien, Ga.; S. W. I.; Mrs. Cora M Allen, Shreveport, La., S. P. Ix. Mrs. M. Josenberger, Ft. Smith, S W. O.; Mrs. M. J. Hazelwood, Charleston, W Va., S. W. R. D.; Mrs. Anna J. Mundy, Henderson, Ky., S. W.R. of D.; Mrs. Bessie Johnston, Corona L. I., N. Y., S. W. S. D.; Mrs P. L. Pottsdamer, Tallahassee, Fla. S. W. J. D.; Mrs. F. A Crawford, Oklahoma City, Okla., S. W. Con.; Mrs Leanna Townes, East Spencer, N. C. A. W. A. Con.; Mrs. G. C. Blevins Chicago, S. W. Escort; Mrs. Rosa Richardson, Baltimore, Md., S. W. H.; John Fielding, Cincinnati, Ohio, S. W. Pro.; A. N. Prince, M. D.; Sherman, Texas, S. W. Med. Ex.; Mrs Norene Davis, Kansas City, Kans., S W. Lec.; Mrs. N. A. Kirk, Waco, Texas Secretary of Endowment.

The Knights of Pythias Of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia.

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The following named were elected to serve as officers for the aforementioned Supreme Lodge for the present term:

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Dr. E. A. Williams, Past Supreme Chancellor, Ohio.

E. G. Tidrington, Supreme Vice Chancellor, Indiana.

Rev. N. C. Nix, Supreme Prelate, South Carolina.

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S. A. T. Watkins, Supreme Attorney, Illinois.

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Henry James, Supreme Outer Guard, Florida.

R. R. Jackson, Major General Uniform Rank, Illinois.

Endowment Department

The Endowment Department of the Supreme Lodge was shown to be in a strong financial condition. The amendments to the Endowment laws greatly strengthened that department and increased its revenues, and placed it in a position that insures its future success and prosperity.

Uniform Rank Department

The Uniform Rank Department under the command of Major General Jackson, after establishing the camp site at Camp Joseph L. Jones, made the most magnificent parade on parade day that was ever held by the Uniform Rank.

10-18-23

With the mounted officers, Uniform Rank members, Dramatic Order Knights of Omar members, with the officers and members of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias ..., etc., Jurisdiction of New York, as escort, and the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court, it took more than one hour for the parade to pass a given point.

Pythian Temple Commission

The following named officers and members compose the Pythian Temple Commission during the term:

S. W. Green, ex-officio, President Louisiana.

E. D. Green, Secretary, Illinois.

E. G. Tidrington, ex-officio, Indiana

E. E. Underwood, ex-officio, Kentucky.

C. M. Wade, Arkansas.

Lee Crawford, New York.

Geo. N. Stoney, Georgia.

B. G. Collier, Pennsylvania.

W. S. Willis, Texas.

Chas. B. Wickham, Oklahoma.

W. W. Andrews, Florida.

Finance Committee

The following named Past Grand Chancellors compose the Committee of Finance:

J. P. Crawford, Chairman, Tennessee.

B. W. Warren, Georgia.

T. G. Nutter, West Virginia.

Endowment Board

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Law Suits Against The Order

Immediately at the close of the Twenty-First Biennial Session of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa, and Australia, the Supreme Lodge thereof, a suit was filed by the Grand Lodge of Virginia through their Grand Chancellor to prevent the revocation of the fraternal charter of the Grand Lodge of Virginia. The suit was won by the Supreme Lodge, and we have now no suits at law against the Order.

New Charter Issued Grand Lodge of Virginia

The Grand Lodge of Virginia, having complied with the requirements of the Supreme Lodge, was reinstated in New York, N. Y., on August 21, 1923, and a New Chapter was ordered issued for that Grand Jurisdiction.

Order of Calanthe

The Order of Calanthe, under the able management of Sir E. G. Tidrington, Supreme Worthy Counsellor is proving a most serviceable and worthy Department of the Order, and gave material assistance, in paying off some of the obligations against the Pythian Bath House and Sanitarium, and upon the recommendation of the Supreme Worthy Counsellor came to the assistance of the Supreme Lodge by levying a Tax for the aid and use of our Temple and Sanitarium Department.

S. W. GREEN,
Supreme Chancellor.

Attest:
E. E. UNDERWOOD,
Supreme Keeper of Records and Seal.

Pythian Grand Lodge Is Enjoined by Court With Regard to $10 Assessment

The New York ~~Sun~~ 8-25-23

Justice Tompkins of Supreme Court, at White Plains, Grants Order Preventing State Body From Enforcing Purchase By Members of Bonds for New Temple.

New York N. Y.

Supreme Court Justice A. S. Tompkins, at White Plains on last Saturday, August 18, granted an injunction, pendente lite brought by Sir Paul H. Bray, P. G. C., and a member of Lincoln Lodge, K. of P., of Yonkers, against Sir Lee Crawford, grand chancellor, and the Grand Lodge K. of P., N. A., S. A., etc., State of New York, to restrain the said Grand Lodge and its officers

1st. From enforcing an assessment of $10 levied upon every member of the Order in the state, for the purpose of purchasing real estate and erecting a Pythian Temple.

2nd. Restraining the Grand Lodge from enforcing the threat to suspend members from benefits, or in any manner interfering with the rights and benefits and prerogatives of such members who refuse or fail to comply with the order of assessment.

3rd. It also restrains the Grand Lodge or any of its officers from expending any more funds out of the reserve or mortuary fund of said Grand Lodge in the purchase of real estate or any purpose other than for that which the fund was created, payment of death claims, and to require, order and direct the grand chancellor and other officers of said Grand Lodge to restore to said reserve or mortuary fund, the monies which they heretofore used, to the extent, approximately of $20,000.

This action of the court will be read with much interest by members of the Pythian Order throughout the state who were threatened with suspension from the Order for failure to pay the assessment of $10 on the Temple proposition.

The action taken by the Grand Lodge at the Binghamton Convention, last month, authorizing the enforcement of this assessment, on and after September 1, next, cannot now be enforced in face of the injunction granted by Justice Tompkins.

At least 3,000 members have so far failed to comply with the assessment edict of Grand Chancellor Crawford, which means that this decision has saved them an outlay of $30,000, besides protection to their reserve fund.

The news of the granting of the injunction spread like fire among the members in attendance at the Supreme Convention and has had the effect of focusing attention on the situation in the Grand Lodge of this state.

Secret Societies — 1923.

Knight of Pythias.

Parade of Uniform Rank, Knights of Pythias, One Of Largest Seen in New York

Ten Divisions Made Up of Sir Knights and Calanthians From All Sections of the United States Who Were in Attendance on the 22nd Biennial Supreme Lodge.

New York Age

S. W. GREENE IS REELECTED SUPREME CHANCELLOR WHEN RULES ARE SUSPENDED AND VOTE IS EXPRESSED BY ACCLAMATION

9-1-23

All Officers Are Reelected, Only Change Being Placing Grand Chancellor Lee Crawford of New York on Temple Commission—Calanthians Reelect Officers.

9-1-23

The twenty-second biennial session of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court and Uniform Rank Encampment, Knights of Pythias closed here on August 25 after one of the most harmonious sessions in the history of the order. All the Supreme Lodge officers were present with the exception of John H. Young of Pine Bluff, Ark., who was prevented from attending because of illness. In recognition of his twenty-five years service as supreme master of exchequer, the rules were suspended and he was unanimously reelected. The other Supreme Lodge officers were also elected, the only change being on the Temple Commission.

A feature of the session was the return of the Virginia Grand Lodge to the Order after an absence of eleven years, and the splendid street parade of the Uniform Rank, Supreme Lodge officers, and Court of Calanthe on Friday morning. The parade was one of the largest ever staged by a colored organization in New York and was viewed by thousands in its march from Harlem down Seventh and Fifth avenues to 59th street.

Colored Police Reserves Led

Led by a detachment of mounted police and a company of colored Police Reserves, the parade started from 140th street and Seventh avenue at eleven o'clock. Following the police were Major General R. R. Jackson of Chicago and staff, also mounted.

The first division was led by the First Brigade Band, K. of P. of Chicago, A. T. Steward, bandmaster, and was composed largely of men from Chicago and Illinois. The second division, under command of Col. Clemont of Columbus, Ohio, was composed of members of the Order from the Buckeye State.

General T. B. Ginn commanded the third division of Knights from Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other parts of Pennsylvania. The fourth division was from Indiana and was commanded by Brigadier General W. J. I. Reid. The fifth division was composed of companies from Georgia, New Jersey, District of Columbia and Kansas and was under the command of Col. James Bohler of New Jersey.

The sixth and seventh divisions were composed of New Yorkers under command of General Roland R. Johnson and Col. A. J. Lewis. The eighth division under command of Col. J. Howard, was composed of the Supreme Lodge officers. The ninth division, under Col. Wm. Tibbs, was the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and Supreme Court of Calanthe. The tenth and last division, under command of Col. J. W. T. Richardson, was composed of floats and autos.

Several cities put up a strong contest for the next session in 1925, but the Louisville delegates were successful and the next session will be held in Louisville, Ky.

Supreme Court of Calanthe

The sessions of the Supreme Court of Calanthe were also successful and harmonious, and with one exception, all their officers were reelected. The officers elected by the Court of Calanthe are Ernest G. Tidrington, Evansville, Ind., supreme worthy counsellor; Mrs. M. S. Grant, Darien, Ga., supreme worthy inspectrix; Mrs. M. Jonesberg, Fort Smith, Ark., S. W. O.; Mrs. M. J. Hazelwood, Charleston, W. Va., S. W. R. D.; Mrs. Anna B. Mundy, Henderson, Ky., S. W. Rec. D.; Mrs. Bessie R. Johnson, Corona, L. I., S. W. S. D.; Mrs. P. L. Pottsdamer, Tallahassee, Fla., S. W. J.D.; Mrs. Cora E. Burke, Knoxville, Tenn., S. W. Con.; Mrs. Leanna Townes, North Carolina, S. W. Asst. Con.; Mrs. F. C. Blevins, Birmingham, Ala., S. W. Escort; Mrs. Rosa J. Richardson, Baltimore, Md., S. W. H.; John S. Fielding, Cincinnati, Ohio, S. W. Pro.; Dr. A. N. Prince, Sherman, Tex., S. W. medical examiner; Mrs. Dora Davis, Kansas City, Kan., S. W. lecturer; Miss E. J. Cockrill, Nashville, Tenn., S. W. matron; Mrs. N. A. Kirk, Waco, Texas, Se. of Em.

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The Pythian Temple and Sanitarium Commission remained the same with one exception. Lee Crawford of New York was elected a member of the commission to succeed John W. Harris of Meridian, Miss. The other members are Dr. C. N. Wade, Hot Springs, Ark.; B. G. Collier, Philadelphia; J. H. Fordham, Orangeburg, S. C.; W. W. Andrews, Jacksonville, Fla., Dr. Charles B. Wickham, Tulsa, Okla.; E. G. Tidrington, Evansville, Ind.; E. E. Underwood, Frankfort, Ky.; S. W. Green, chairman, New Orleans, and Edward D. Green, secretary Chicago.

Secret Societies—1923.

22nd Biennial Session of Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, Held in New York

The New York Age 8-25-23

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7,000 VISITORS ARE THRONGING THROUGH MANHATTAN'S ALREADY CROWDED STREETS

Supreme Lodge Sessions Held at Rush Memorial Church —Court of Calanthe Meets at Mother Zion Church— D. O. K. O. Temple Is in Abyssinian Church.

New York N.Y.

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In welcoming the delegates to the city the Corporation Counsel, Nicholson, congratulated them on the progress the Order had made and stated that the figures given out by the Grand Chancellor were almost too large to comprehend. He said that New York and the city administration believed in fair play to all peoples, regardless of color or creed, and cited his appointment of James S. Watson a colored man, as assistant Corporation Counsel. He said further that he believed that the time would soon come when the intelligence and ability of the Negro would be so well recognized in this country that such organizations as the Ku Klux Klan that cater to race prejudice would be driven into oblivion.

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Knights of Pythias.

A song was sung by Dr. W. O. Taylor of Boston, and a poem read by Grand Lecturer, H. R. Newbie of Brooklyn.

On behalf of the local Pythians, Lee Crawford, state grand chancellor also gave a short welcome address. He was followed by Mrs. B. R. Johnston, who welcomed the Court of Calanthe on behalf of the local lodges. E. G. Tidrington responded to her address of welcome.

After taking a silver oeffring, the opening session closed. Invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Robinson pastor of St. Marks M. E. Church and the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church.

The annual sermon was preached Sunday afternoon, August 19, at 3 p. m., at Abyssinian Baptist Church, by the Rev. N. C. Nix of Orangeburg, S. C., the supreme chaplain.

The business sessions opened Tuesday morning, the Supreme Lodge holding its sessions at Rush Memorial A. M. E. Church, 38 West 138th street. The Supreme Court of Calanthe, with Supreme Worthy Counselor E. C. Tidrington of Evansville, Ind., presiding, opened at Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, 153 West 136th street. The Supreme Temple, D. O. K. O., was set up at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th street, and the Uniform Rank camp was pitched on the Boston Road, The Bronx, near Bayside avenue.

5-20-23

Ample arrangements were made for providing recreation and amusement for the visitors. A matinee dance was held Tuesday afternoon at the 369th Regiment armory, 132nd street and Seventh avenue, and the same evening at 8:30 a mardi gras parade was given at the Renaissance Casino in connection with a concert and reception.

On Wednesday evening, a competitive military drill was held at New Star Casino, 107th street and Lexington avenue, and Thursday evening a reception in honor of the Supreme Lodge and Supreme Court was tendered the visitors at the 22nd Regiment armory, 168th street and Broadway. The big street parade was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 4 p. m., there was a steamer excursion up the Hudson River on board the ss. Grand Republic.

NEGRO PYTHIANS GATHER.

The New York Times 8-19-23

Uniform Rank Will Hold Annual Encampment in Bronx.

The twelfth annual encampment of the uniform rank of the colored Knights of Pythias will open today at Baychester Avenue and Boston Road, the Bronx, this being chosen after objections were made to its being held in Elmhurst, L. I. Officials of the organization pointed out that the camp is only for the military contingent, numbering about 900 men, and will be in command of General Robert R. Jackson, a Chicago Alderman, who commanded the First Battalion of the 370th Infantry during the World War and served as Major during the Cuban and Mexican border campaigns.

The camp is a feature of the twenty-second annual convention of the colored Knights of Pythias, which opens Monday in the Rush Memorial Church, 138th Street, between Seventh and Lenox Avenues. Between 15,000 and 20,000 delegates from all sections of the country are expected to attend, but they will not live in the camp.

General Jackson has brought with him the entire 365th United States Infantry band of sixty-five pieces, which he organized in Chicago prior to the war. A concert will be given at Mount Vernon today.

E. & W. PYTHIANS LIKE BEANTOWN

The American

National Body Selects Boston Again for Biennial Session of 1925

Baltimore

20,000 IN ORDER

Maryland

Convention Adopts New Grave Marker and Re-Elects Officers

8-7-23

9-7-23

By F. E. Johnson

Boston, Mass., Sept. 5—Back to Boston in 1925 in order that the second mortgage on their headquarters building can be liquidated was the decision reached at the eighteenth biennial session of the Supreme Lodge of Knights of Pythias just before final adjournment.

W. A. Hawkins

The sessions of the Supreme Lodge and the Supreme Court of Calanthe were held in Ruggles Hall purchased two years ago at a cost of $210,000. Members throughout the Order are expected to subscribe to at least $10 worth of stock in order to pay for it.

9-7-23

New Grave Marker

The Order adopted a suitable marker for the Pythian dead, patterned by Clarence C. Thomas of 356 Granston street, Providence.

Reports showed that there are 20,000 members. J. H. Walden headed the local entertainment committee.

Besides W. Ashbie Hawkins, Supreme Chancellor, the following officers were re-elected: W. H. Willis, New York, supreme vice chancellor; Rv. W. Spencer Carpenter, Buffalo, N. Y., supreme prelate; George E. Gordon, Boston, supreme keeper of records and seals; J. H. Oliver, Creeve, Va. supreme master of exchequer; C. L. Drew, Kansas City, Mo., supreme master-at-arms; John Locke Pennsylvania, supreme inner guard; J. M. Lewis Illinois, supreme inner guard; J. H. Walden Massachusetts, R. E. Clarke, New York, and Augustus Fields, Baltimore supreme trustees; W. A. Heathman, Providence, R. I., president of the Beneficiary Department; P. F. Marshall, Massachusetts, major general of uniform rank; Hardy F. Nickerson, Massachusetts, brigadier general.

MARYLANDERS ENTERTAINED

The Maryland Club of Boston, Eubert David Snowden, president; entertained the Marylanders who attended at the session last Firday night.

Supreme Chancellor W. Ashbie Hawkins, Dr. T. S. Hawkins, Augustus Fileds, Isaiah Nixon, Miss Flossie White, Mrs. Mary E. Chester, Mrs. Lillian G. Franklin, Mrs. Laura Garrett, Mrs. Florence K. Owens and Mrs. M. Booker were among the Maryland ers.

SUPREME LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

Atlanta Constitution

8-30-23

CHARLES STEWART.

New York City, Aug. 21.—"Come let us work together for the betterment and uplift of humanity, for 'united we stand, divided we fall'," was the invitation extended by Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green, of New Orleans, which brought together o[illegible] united effort of the Knights of Pythias of North America, South America, Europe, Asia, Africa and Australia, in the 22nd bi-ennial session which closed here Friday night and selected Louisville, Ky., for the 23rd biennial session to be held August, 1925.

Peace and harmony prevailed throughout the session and S. W. Green was unanimously elected Supreme Chancellor—in fact all the officers were re-elected by unanimous vote, and Ernest G. Tidrington, of Evansville, is again at the head of the Supreme Court of Calanthe.

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The tax was continued by a large vote. It was found necessary in order to meet the payments on the sanitarium and erect the Pythian Temple.

JACKSON AGAIN HEADS KNIGHTS OF DAMON

Savannah Tribune Savannah, Ga.

Interesting Sessions At Seabrook Hall

8-30-13

The Supreme lodge of Knights of Damon which convened here Monday at Seabrook hall came to a close yesterday with the election of officers The three-day session was very interesting and attracted large crowds.

The annual parade was held Tuesday afternoon when the uniform department of the order was escorted by the Knights of Pythias and the marching club of Weldon Lodge of Elks. The parade wound up at West Broad and Margaret streets where cars took the marchers out to Lincoln park where the celebration was continued.

The final day session, Wednesday was closed by the annual election of officers, Supreme Commander Ed Jackson being again chosen to lead the order for the coming twelve months. The officers elected are as follows:

Supreme Commander, Ed Jackson
Supreme Senior Commander, L. W. Johnson.
Supreme Junior Commander, P. L. Howell.
Supreme Secretary, F. R. Bignon.
Supreme Treasurer, D W. Latson.
Supreme Prelate, Rev. Mack Cannon.
Supreme Sword Bearer, Ed. Bush.
Supreme Inner Guard, Alexander Ward.
Supreme Outer Guard, J. J. Dupree. of Newark, N. J.
Supreme Deputy, L. W. Beasley.
State Deputy, Rev. Wm. Cannon.
District Deputy, Peter Cyrus
State Deputy, Newark, N. J., J. J Dupree.
State Deputy, Philadelphia. Pa. Wm. Carter.

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Baltimore Afro-American Journal Commonwealth

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On behalf of the local Pythians, Lee Crawford, state grand chancellor, also gave a short welcome address. He was followed by Mrs. B. R. Johnson, who welcomed the Court of Calanthe on behalf of the local lodges. E. G. Tidrington responded to her address of welcome.

After taking a silver offering, the opening session closed. Invocation and benediction were pronounced by the Rev. J. W. Robinson, pastor of St. Marks M. E. Church and the Rev. A. Clayton Powell, pastor of Abyssinian Baptist Church.

The annual sermon was preached Sunday afternoon August 19th, at 3 p. m., at Abyssinian Baptist Church, by the Rev. N. C. Nix, of Orangeburg, S. C., the supreme chaplain.

The business sessions opened Tuesday morning, the Supreme Lodge holding its sessions at Rush Memorial A. M. E. Zion Church, 58 West 138th street. The Supreme Court of Calanthe, with Supreme Worthy Counselor E. C. Tidrington Evansville, Ind., presiding, opened at Mother A. M. E. Zion Church, 53 West 136th street. The Supreme Temple, D. O. K. O., was set up at Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 West 138th street, and the Uniform Rank Camp was pitched on the Boston Road. The Bronx, near Bayside avenue.

Ample arrangements were made for providing recreation and amusement for the visitors. A matinee dance was held Tuesday afternoon at the 369th Regiment armory, 132d street and Seventh avenue, and the same evening at 8.30 a mardi gras parade was given at the Renaissance Casino in connection with a concert and reception.

On Wednesday evening, a competitive military drill was held at New Star Casino, 107th street and Lexington avenue, and Thursday evening a recpetion in honor of the Supreme Court was tendered the visitors at the 22nd Regiment armory, 168th street and Broadway. The big street parade was held Friday morning at 11 o'clock, and at 4 p. m., there was a steamer excursion up the Hudson River on board the S. S. Grand Republic.

Secret Societies — 1923

Independent order of Moses.

Moses Select Asbury Park

Afro-American

Baltimore

10-26-23 Md.

By Fannie E. Gilles

The 56th Annual Session of Moses closed Friday night after selecting Asbury Park, N. J. as the place of next meeting. Reports showed the Order has 11,250 members and $83,-899. in resources. Tokens of appreciation were presented Grandmaster Solomon Bond, Rev. A. L. Carter, who preached the annual sermon, and other officers.

Secret Societies—1923

Independent Order of Saint Luke.

Order of St. Luke In N. Y. City Has 10,000 Members

New York Age 1-6-23

Owns Its Own Home at 125-7 W. 130th St., and a 24-Family Apartment House at 257-9 W. 129th St.—Primarily a Women's Organization

One of the most progressive and successful of the fraternal organizations in New York is the Independent Order of St. Lukes, which is one of the few organizations in the city to own its own home. The headquarters of the order are in Richmond, Va., where it was founded more than forty years ago. The present head is Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, one of the best known and most successful business women of the race.

A branch was established in New York several years ago, but until 1916, the local branch hd only a few hundred members, and could hardly pay expenses. In September of that year Donnis Grice was elected District Deputy, and has been unanimously reelected each year since then. When he took charge of the organization it was in debt several hundred dollars. By giving several entertainments during the spring and fall of 1917, this indebtedness was wiped out, and with the help of Mrs. Charity Jones and a group of loyal women, who were officers in the various subordinate lodges, the local order set out to secure a home for itself.

By putting their finances together and cooperating they were able to take title to the four story apartment house at 125-7 West 130th street in July, 1918. This building has been well equipped, and is now the meeting place for all of the lodges of the order in this district The upper stories are rented as apartments to various members of the order.

Has Membership of 10,000

The securing of a home caused many new members to flock to the order ,so that the membership has now increased from a few hundred members in 1916 to nearly 10,000 adult and juvenile members in the city. It is primarily a woman's organization and is run largely by women. The present officers are: Miss Daisy V. Banks, president of the Trustees; Mrs. Charity Jones, vice-president, and Mrs. Ella Jones, chaplain. It is an incorporated body and has the following board of directors: Dennis Grice, president; William H. Johnson, vice-president; Mrs. Mary E. Scott, second vice-president; Mrs. Bessie E. Robinson, recording secretary; Mrs. Maggie E. Shepard, treasurer, Miss Georgette Young, financial secretary, and Mrs. Elizabeth Mosby, chaplain. The advisory board is composed of Mme. Lula Robinson-Jones, chairman; Mrs. C. A. Ford and John S. Savage.

Recently the Charity Bureau of the I. O. of St. Luke was organized, and did splendid work during the holiday season. Julius W. Watson is president of this bureau; Mrs. Ellen J. Lewis, vice-president; Mrs. Mary C. Byrd, second vice-president; Mrs. Cecelia Smith, recording secretary; Mrs. A. P. Scott, financial secretary; Mrs. Charlotte A. Ford, treasurer, and George F. Thomas, chaplain.

In 1921 the order purchased the beautiful twenty-four family apartment house at 257-9 West 129th street, and are now controlling $250,000 worth of real estate. The business of the order is largely conducted by Mr. Grice and Miss Georgette Young, the financial secretary, who are in a large measure responsible for its present healthy condition.

St. Luke Grand Council Holds Biennial Session With Largest Attendance

Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, Head of Order, Reports 6,551 New Members Since Last Meeting, a Total of $73,041, With Total Assets of $266,976.14.

(Special to The New York Age)

Richmond, Va.—The fifty-sixth annual and third biennial convention of the Right Worthy Grand Council, Independent Order of St. Luke, convened in the auditorium of the St. Luke Temple, 900—910 St. James street, on August 20, and lasted through to the 23.

New York Age

Delegates present came from the four points of the compass, from the palms of Florida to the Great Lakes of the North and from the borders of Massachusetts to the western banks of the Mississippi. It was the largest delegation in the history of the Order.

The gavel sounded at 10 a. m., Monday morning, with the Right Worthy Grand Deputy Patron, J. S. Savage of New York, presiding. This day is always known throughout St. Lukedom as Juvenile Day. Little Miss Bernice Inez White of Suffolk, Va., delivered the welcome address in a most eloquent manner. In the Juvenile Department there are 18,000 children in fifteen states, with $62,193.36 in the treasury.

9-15-23

On Tuesday morning, the gavel was in the hands of the Right Worthy Grand Chief, Mrs. Mildred E. McCormick of Baltimore, who called the session to order at 9 a. m. The Right Worthy Grand Prelate, the Rev. Dr. George H. Sims of New York City, conducted devotional services assisted by Rev. Q. J. Allen of North Carolina.

Rev. W. G. Avant of North Carolina introduced to the body J. Finley Wilson of Washington grand exalted ruler , I. B. P. O. E. of W., and after a short recess, the R. W. Grand Secretary, Mrs. Maggie L. Walker, made her report. The activities of the past two years were set forth, showing the addition of 6,551 new members, including adults and children, making a grand total membership of 73,041, with subordinate councils operating in twenty-four states. The Order has total assets of $266,976.14.

A public night session was held at the Fifth Street Baptist Church. The Capital City Lodge of Elks' band played and a solo was rendered by Mme. Thomas of Newark, N. J.

Addresses of welcome were made by J. R. Pollard for the City of Richmond anl by Mrs. Lelia L. Williams assistant to Mrs. Maggie L. Walker on behalf of the St. Lukes of Richmond.

New York

After this meeting a reception was held in the home of Mrs. Walker which lasted until early morning.

On Welnesday morning, the former R. W. G. Chief, the Rev. A. C. Garner of New York City, assisted in the opening, with Grand Prelate Sims conducting the devotionals. Deputies reported as follows:

Mrs. Mary E. Goode of Virginia; A. C. Russ, ex-Grand Chief, of Pittsburgh; Rev. O. J. Allen of North Carolina; Mrs. J. S. Coilins of Richmond; Mrs. C. J. Dickerson of Roanoke, Va.; R. A. Jones of Petersburg Va.; Mrs. Rosa A. Woods of New Jersey; W. A. Graves of North Carolina; Mrs. Pollie Jeffries of West Virginia; Mrs. C. A. Ford of New York City; Mrs. A. P. Scott of New York City; Mrs. M. E. Anderson of Providence, R. I.; Mrs. Willie Elbert of Delaware, Md.

During the afternoon session, the Grand Council heard J. R. E. Lee of the National Urban League; Rev. A. A. Graham, secretary of the Lott Carey Baptist Foreign Mission Convention.

The evening session was held in the City Auditorium, with Dr. Ernest Lyon of Baltimore, former Minister to Liberia as the principal speaker. He was introduced by the master of ceremonies Dr. Moon. The Victory Banner was then presented to New York as the state bringing in the largest number of new members since the last convention. The banner was received by Dennis Grice, executive trustee and district deputy, with his staff and co-workers.

New York showed its appreciation to workers from that state by presenting a token of gold to Mrs. Charity Jones, the mother and pioneer worker, the gift being presented by Miss Lavinia Naylor; a silver loving cup was given Deputy Grice by Miss Georgette Young. A huge basket of roses was presented Mrs. Maggie L. Walker by Miss I. F. Peace.

When committee reports were heard on Thursday morning, it was a noteworthy feature that peace and harmony prevails in the Order to the extent that the Grievance Committee did not have even a complaint to report.

Memorial services were held in tribute to four grand officers, a distinguished lay member and over a thousand others. The officers were Mrs Georgia A. Queen of New Jersey; Booker T. Ellis of Virginia; Mrs. M. L. Banks of Georgia and Rev. A Hannum of Pennsylvania. Although not a grand officer, the late W. Williams of New York was one of the greatest assets of the Order.

The Grand Council was addressed by Chandler Owen of New York and the Rev. W. H. Jernagin of Washington. The grand officers were installed and a number of presentations made to various officials and others. Mrs Walker stated that the St. Luke's stood No. 11 on the roll of national fraternities, and was the only Negro Order in the group of fraternities. She appealed for an effort that would bring a rating at the top, and in five minutes there had been made pledges to bring twenty thousand new members into the Order by Thanksgiving.

The next session is to be held in New York City in August 1925. After adjournment, six hundred of the visitors went on a steamer ride down James River to Dutch Gap.

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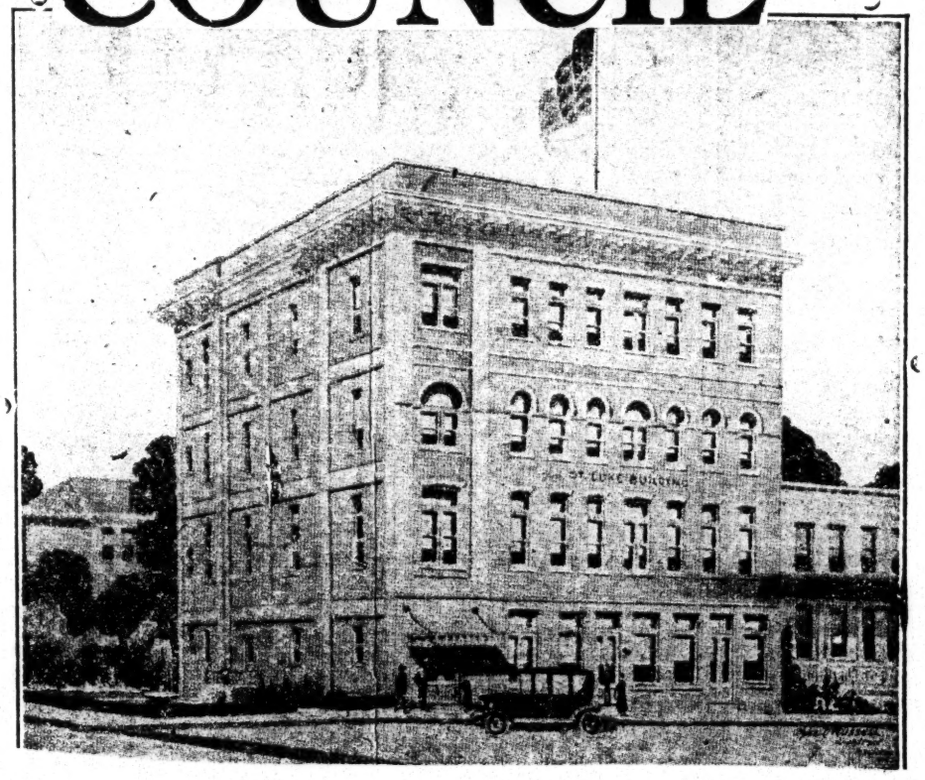
RIGHT WORTHY GRAND COUNCIL



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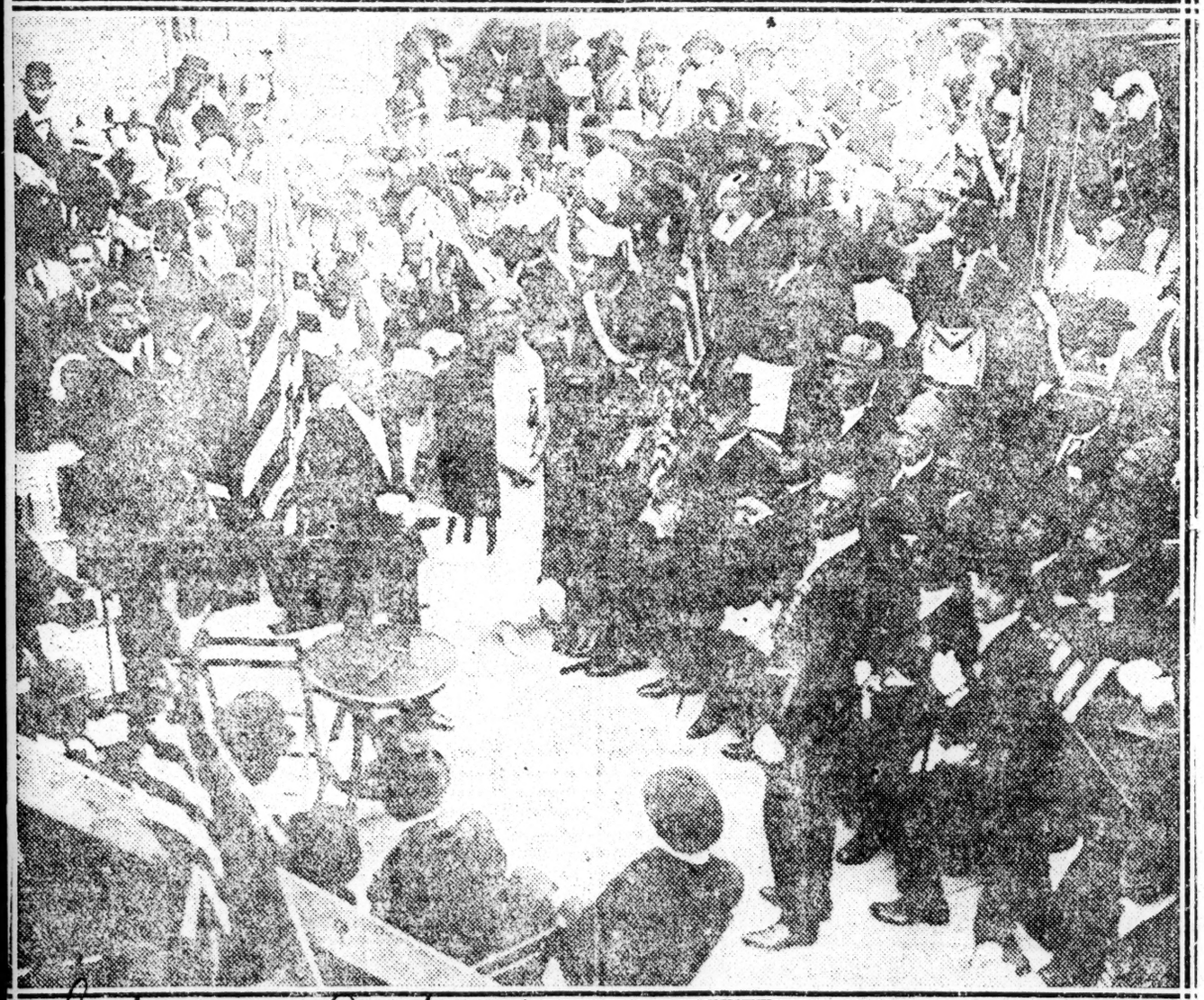
NEW YORK ELKS LAY CORNER STONE



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Chicago Defender — 9-29-23

Corner stone laying for new clubhouse of Imperial Lodge, No. 127, I. B. P. O. E. W. September 13, (at 129th St. and Seventh Ave. Mrs. Lucretia B. Wilson (standing in white) of Eureka Temple, No. 22, has just presented the $100 silver trowl to C. M. Generalette exalted ruler Imperial lodge. (Story on page 10.)

DELEGATES PUT CUMMINGS HEAD OF REINDEERS

Chicago Defender

Secret Order in Session at Baltimore Elects Pastor as Grand Dictator

9-22-23

BY WILFRED R. BAIN

Baltimore, Md., Sept. 21.— Grand Dictator Rev. Charles G. Cummings, pastor of a church in Lutherville, Md., on the outskirts of this city, was re-elected to head hte Benevolent Order of Reindeer at the first annual convention of the order held here, September 11 and 12. Former United States assistant attorney general, William Matthews of Boston, Mass., was chosen by acclamation to direct the new athletic program, which was adopted as an important feature of the two-day convention.

With few exceptions, Dr. Cummings, who was chosen to head the order when it changed its name from Moose to Reindeer in the convention held in Atlantic City last February carried with him the entire personnel of the grand lodge officers. Dr. Cummings' re-election was freely predicted soon after he had read his report on the activities of the grand lodge officers during the past six months and the opposition that had developed from the Newark delegation evaporated.

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Baltimore, noted for its hospitality, threw its doors wide open to the invasion of the Reindeer, the delegates coming from nearly every city of size in the East. By the lodest inhabitants there, the convention held by the order was declared to be the best turnout seen there in years.

The feature of the convention was the parade through the main streets in the section of the city largely populated by our people. Very nearly one hundred automobiles, filled with visitors and delegates and headed by a band of forty pieces, were in the line of march. Cheers from the populace grew into a bedlam as the parade wound its way along the principal avenues of the city spurred on by the popular airs played by the band.

The parade was staged by Grand Marshall Norman Simms of the Purity Lodge No. 7, Baltimore. He was assisted by Marshalls Samuel Taylor, William Hall and William Dixon, all from Purity lodge. Two young ladies, members of the ladies' auxiliaries of the lodge, dressed in white and mounted, led the band and rode behind the grand dictator's car, which led the parade. The entire membership of the Purity Lodge No. 7 turned out and marched on foot in the parade. They were also garbed in immaculately clean white shirts, dark trousers and black bow ties adorned their soft collars.

The band was also dressed in white duck and the entire body presented a picture that was worth seeing. The line of march included Druid Hill Ave. to Hoffman St., to McCulloah St., to Prestman, to Fremont, to Myrtle Avenue, through Division St., to Pine, thence to Saratoga St., to Pearl Pl., through St. Mary's to Orchard and again on Druid Hill Ave., where the grand dictator, with John M. Stoute, grand secretary; Dr. A. A. Browne, grand past dictator; William Smith, grand lecturing dictator, and Wilfred R. Bain, grand director of publicity, reviewed the whole procession.

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The grand dictator's report called for the adoption of a program that would include measures along constructive lines. Specifically he asked for health supervision, more and better educational facilities, and athletic program that would assure the development of our boys and girls all over the country where a Reindeer lodge was located, more employment, better housing accommodations, home ownership, etc. A special committee on endowment, headed by Attorney William Matthews of Hub City lodge, Boston, Mass., was appointed. The convention closed with a smoker at which leading Baltimoreans took an active part. The next convention will be held on the third Tuesday in September in the city of Newark.

NEWTON N J TIMES

JULY 13, 1923

NEGRO MOOSE?

Vice Chancellor Ingersoll has been called upon to decide whether there shall be a lodge of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Moose in Atlantic City, composed of colored men and women. The Loyal Order of Moose objects to the negroes using the word "Moose" in their title, claiming that the public will confuse the two organizations, between which there is no connection.

It has been said that imitation is the sincerest flattery; and if that be true the Loyal Order of Moose ought to be pleased at the attempt of the negroes to form a similar organization for the people of their race. We have negro Methodists, Baptists, Presbyterians, Catholics, negro Masons, Elks and Odd Fellows. Why not negro Moose? It is doubtful if the Chancery Court can interfere in this instance.

REINDEER HOLD CONVENTION HERE

First Annual Session Held for Two Days At Moses Opened With Parade Tuesday

Afro-American Baltimore, Md.

9-14-23

WM. H. MATTHEWS HERE

Comes To Convention From Conference With President In Washington

Delegates from several cities attended the first annual convention of the Benevolent Protective Order of Reindeers, held here Tuesday and Wednesday.

The convention was opened by a large parade, in which 500 members took part, some riding over the route of parade in bunting and streamer-bedecked automobiles, of which there were about 25.

Delegates were present from the following lodges: Garden City Lodge No. 6, Atlantic City, N. J.; Atlantic Lodge No. 8, Asbury Park; Hub City Lodge No. 11, Boston, Mass.; Progressive Lodge No. 10, York, Pa.; Israelite Lodge No. 3, Morristown N. J., and Purity Lodge No. 7, of Baltimore.

On Wednesday, a general business meeting was held, in which officers were elected, and Newark, N. J., voted as the place for the 1924 convention. Officers of the Grand Lodge are contemplating a Juvenile Lodge for boys and girls, through which they hope to introduce a higher grade of moral and beneficial association among them. The organization is estimated to have a membership of about 5,000, and a campaign is being planned for more

members and new lodges throughout the country.

It is said that this is the only organization of it's kind that has never been affiliated with any white people in any way, it being organized and conducted entirely by Negroes

On Wednesday afternoon an election of officers was held with the following results:

Rev. Charles G. Cummings, Baltimore, Grand Director; John E. Stout Newark, Grand Secretary; Nathaniel Burrell, Grand Vice Dictator, Asbury Park; Dr. A. A. Brown, Newark, Grand Past Dictator; Alexander Braithwaite, Newark, Grand Organizer; James W. Sloan, York, Pa. Grand Prelate; William Gallamore Atlantic City, Grand Sergeant-at-Arms; William Smith, Baltimore, Grand Lecturing Dictator; W. H. Simmons, Grand Master Dictator of Works, Newark; Al. V. Penha, Asbury Park, Grand Assistant Secretary; Raymond Coates, Atlantic City, Grand Inner Guard; James Carroll, Atlantic City, Grand Outer Guard; Wilfred R. Baine, Atlantic City, Grand Director of Publicity.

Board of Trustees include James C. Johnson, Atlantic City, three years; E. E. Jones, Atlantic City, two years, and G. Edwards, Newark, one year.

MATTHEWS HERE

Rev. Cummings, of Baltimore, and Grand Dictator, was roundly commended for his efficiency in the past yaer. William H. Matthews, of Boston, a former U. S. Attorney General, who is Dictator of the Boston Lodge, came to the convention from the White House in Washington, where he was called in consultation on the Tuskegee Hospital affair by President Coolidge.

CUMMINGS RE-ELECTED R'NDEER HEAD

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By WILFRED R. BAIN

(Special Correspondent.)

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Lucky Number for Officer Hughes Wins Suit at Myers' Drawing.

Officer Hughes and Brother Officers Highly Honored by the Mayor and Chief of Police of Chicago.

Officers Dougherty, Centers, Garrett, McAfee, Payne, Garnett and Blackburne, under the command of Sergeant Bully Hughes, formed a part of the great Elks Parade in Chicago.

Sergeant Hughes and Officer Dougherty visited Chief of Police Collins

and were given the key to Chicago They were highly praised for their neat appearance. A better group of men could not have represented the Kansas City Police Department. Sergeant Hughes lives at 5324 Montgal and has been in the service fifteen years.

On Monday, September 3rd, No. 1 was lucky for Mr. Hughes as the suit that was given away free by M Myers, the popular tailor of 1429 E 18th street, was the winner.

WILSON IS AGAIN AT FIKHFIM

By CHARLES T. MAGILL

J. Finley Wilson, who was elevated to the position of grand exalted ruler of the Elks at the 192 convention in Newark, was re-elected to head the order at the convention which closed here Friday. The candidacy of the three contenders for the crown, H. Adolph Howell of New York, R. R. Jackson of Chicago, and W. R. Morris of Minneapolis, faded away when the actual balloting began, with the result that Wilson was elected by acclamation. Pittsburgh won the honor of being the next convention city.

Around the official convention place, the Avenue theater, could be noted on several occasions some of the best known men in our political world. These men gave the fraternal convention something of the aspect of a political convention. Their influence was cast solidly for Wilson, making him an unbeatable candidate. Among the politicians noted besides Oscar DePriest, who handled Finley's campaign in the West, were R. R. Church, Memphis; Perry Howard, Washington; Walter Cohen, New Orleans; Clarence Matthews, Boston; Col. Henry Lincoln Johnson, Washington, and Armand Scott also from the nation's capital. Inside the convention some beautiful examples of expert teamwork were displayed.

Shut Out Howell

So well was this teamwork executed that H. Adolph Howell of New York, who was supposed to have had a chance for the coveted crown, never got near it and was eliminated from his former office of esteemed leading knight. Marshall of Chicago winning hands down. George E. Bates of Newark, who has held the office of grand secretary for a number of years, was returned to his position without the expected fight on his re-election. James T. Carter of Richmond, grand treasurer, who has also been in office a number of years, was re-elected without a struggle. Dr. W. George Avant of North Carolina will again be the grand chaplain and Henry Lincoln Johnson will again be the grand legal adviser.

New York Fares Badly

A determined stand behind Samuel Battles on the part of the New York delegates to put at least one of their men in office was made. Battles was running for the office of grand esteemed esquire. So strong was the sentiment against anything from New York that that office went to Raymond Coats of Baltimore, and the Empire State got nothing. Others elected were: H. H. Hugo, Gary, grand esteemed loyal knight; E. R. Chaney, Seattle, grand esteemed lecturing knight; George O. Rideout, Youngstown, Ohio, grand esteemed inner guard; John W. Johnson, St. Louis, tyler, and T. Tiffany Tolliver Roanoke, grand trustee.

The fight for the next convention narrowed down to Pittsburgh and Cleveland. Robert R. Vann of Pittsburgh came to Chicago determined to bring the 1924 convention to his city and during the entire session he campaigned for his lodge, Ironsides. Richmond, Va., also fought hard for the honor to entertain the next session. The offer which the Smoky City boys made was considered to be such an excellent one that Pittsburgh triumphed over Cleveland. Kansas City was also in the running for the convention, but never came as near to landing as did Cleveland.

After Friday night the city began to return to its normal state. By Sunday nearly all of the 30,000 visitors had left and the hustle and bustle of Indiana Ave. and State St., always lively, seemed dead for the time. Along Indiana Ave. stands for the sale of refreshments had been built at numerous spots, while along State St. from 29th St. to 40th, a carnival state existed. Wheels of fortune, games of chance of all descriptions and all the other frills that go to make up the lighter forms of amusement flourished during the entire convention.

Armory Jam Causes Crush

So great were the crowds that attempted to get into the Eighth regiment armory Wednesday night that a jam occurred outside the door which caused many people to be crushed. It finally became necessary to close the iron gates and hundreds who intended to be on hand for the annual ball were unable to gain entrance. As a consequence the cabarets were soon crowded and they took on the appearance of convention halls. At the Coliseum on the same night, where another reception was held, another large crowd gathered.

Not until 8 o'clock Friday morning did the session, which began Thursday morning, come to an end. When Thursday's session was finally adjourned the convention had practically ended. Friday morning was consumed by most of the delegates and visitors in visiting the stock yards, sightseeing and making social calls. All agreed that Chicago had given to them the finest time they had ever had at any previous convention.

Mrs. Hodges Beaten

For the first time in 18 years there will be a new head of the Daughter Elks. Mrs. Mamie Hodges of Hampton, Va., who for the past 18 years has headed the female branch of the order, failed to be re-elected at this session. She was beaten for the office of daughter ruler by Mrs. Nora F. Taylor of Chicago. One of the most important matters to come before the grand lodge session of the temples was the restoration to membership of Invincible temple of New York city. That temple had been expelled for failure to obey the orders of the grand exalted ruler in the restoring to membership of a member. After much parley the delegates from Invincible temple were seated and the temple was again placed in good standing in the order.

Other officers elected were as follows: Mrs. Laura E. Williams, New York city, grand vice daughter ruler; Mrs. Elizabeth Carter, Annapolis, Md., grand assistant daughter ruler; Mrs. Emma V. Kelley Norfolk, Va., grand daughter secretary; Mrs. Frances Young, Hampton, Va., grand daughter treasurer; Mrs. Bertha Cox Hollins, St. Louis, Mo., doorkeeper; Mrs. Annie E. Jones, grand daughter escort; Mrs. Hattie Elizabeth City, N. C., Mrs. Minnie Posby, Norfolk, Va., grand daughter Johnson, Newark, N. J., and Mrs. Martha Pickenpack, Jamaica, L. I., grand daughter trustees.

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American Woodmen.

DR. E. W. D. ABNER OF AUSTIN, ELECTED SUPREME COM. AMER. WOODMEN

By The Associated Negro Press

DENVER, Colo., Apr. 18. —Dr. E. W. D. Abner of Austin, Texas has been elected Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen to succeed the late H. C. White, by the Supreme Council. Dr. Abner has been a member of the order since 1907 and a member of the Supreme Council since 1910, about the time Mr. White assumed the leadership. He is regarded as able, aggressive, and a good business man. Many people expected the Vice-Supreme Commander to serve until 1925, the time for the next Quadrennial, but the constitution provides for the election by the Supreme Council at its first meeting after the vacancy exists. A change of the home of the headquarters is still being agitated with Chicago as the likely selection.

DR. ABNER NAMED NEW COMMANDER FOR WOODMEN

DENVER, COL., Apr. 14—Dr. E. W. Abner, former supreme physician of the American Woodmen, has been named to succeed the late C. M. White as Supreme Commander of the Woodmen. St. Louis has been selected as the future home office of the organization.

HEAD OF THE AMERICAN WOODMEN TO VISIT WASHINGTON.

Dr. E. W. D. Abner, Supreme Commander of the American Woodmen, is to visit this city August 12 and 13, 1923. On Sunday, August 12, at 3 o'clock, Dr. Abner will address a mass meeting at Conlee Chapel in Burrville. Sunday night at 8 o'clock he will lecture at Alexander Memorial Baptist Church, 27th and N Streets Northwest. The public is cordially invited to attend these meetings. On Monday, August 13, the American Woodmen of the District of Columbia will tender a reception to the Supreme Commander at the Y. M. C. A.

The American Woodmen, of which Dr. Abner is the head, is the largest fraternal insurance roganization operated by colored people, and has a large and growing membership in the District of Columbia.

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Galilean Fisherman.

Frank Carter Again Grand Ruler of Fishermen

The U. S. G. Tab. Order of Galilean Fisherman opened their 67th annual session on Monday morning, June 4, 1923 at 9 o'clock at Galilean Fishermen's Temple, 411 W. Biddle street.

The meeting was called to order by the G. S. G. R. Frank A. Carter. The reports from the various Tabernacles throughout the State, show each Tabernacle in a prosperous condition. Supreme Ruler Robt. Briscoe of Washington, D. C. was present during the sessions. The session was a most successful one held for sometime. The following officers: Frank A. Carter, U. S. G. R.; Lucy Gross, U. S. G. A. R.; Eliza Mason, U. S. G. treasurer; Cora B. Earle, U. S. G. secretary, all of Baltimore were unanimously elected to succeed themselves. Other officers elected as follows: U. S. G. Con., Amanda Pinkney, Baltimore; U. S. G. Mar., Alice Smith, Green Spring; U. S. G. Chap., D. A. Keats, Parrsville; U. S. G. Ora., Alice Davis, Bartonsville; U. S. G. I. G., Nezedia Perry, Cambridge; U. S. G. O. D., Emma Hern, Crisfield.

The next session of the order will be held in Baltimore.

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Improved Ancient Order of the Children of Israel of North America.

THE CHILDREN OF ISRAEL LODGE IN 26TH SESSION

Norfolk

Journal and Guide

7-28-23

More Than Two Hundred Delegates Arrive in the City Monday Morning to Hold a Two Day Session.

CONVENTION VOTED ONE OF THE BEST IN HISTORY

Norfolk, Va.

The 26th anniversary of the Improved Ancient Order of the Children of Israel of North America was held in the Metropolitan A. M. E. Zion Church, Queen and Pulaski streets, Monday and Tuesday July 16 and 17.

Sunday, July 15 Annual sermons were preached to all Lodges thruout the jurisdiction immediately after which the delegates set out for Norfolk.

Delegates represented 154 lodges scattered over the states of Virginia, North Carolina and New York with a combined membership of 15,000 persons arrived Monday morning.

The two days session was voted by members and delegates to have been marked with a spirit of fellowship and fraternalship unsurpassed in any organization religious or secular. The sessions were most harmonious, in so much that not once during the entire session did it become necessary for the chair to rap for order.

The convention went into business session Monday at 1:30. The welcome address was delivered by Rev. G. C. Taylor, of Newport News, Va., Royal High Priest. The response was made by Rev. A. A. Miller, Right Wortny Father of Israel, founder and head of the order. After this brief and formal get-to-gether the members filed out of the church and formed a line on the corner headed by the Premier Military Band, of this city, followed by the Uniform Ranks and Encampment of Israel and members. The procession passed thru the principal streets in the colored section in a most orderly fashion. There were about 300 in the parade and decorated automobiles added to the glamour of the bright garb of the members of the Uniform Ranks. The parade over, the line dispersed at headquarters, the home of Father Miller at 722 Goff street.

Grand Court Opens

At night the Grand Court opened with Father Miller in the chair Delegates were seated. Committees of Credentials, Resolutions and Condolence were appointed.

Collection was called for which was responded to by the 206 delegates laying upon the table $486.00.

On Tuesday morning the committees reported, a few inspiring addresses were made and a collection of $230.00 taken. The committee on resolution reported at the afternoon session. It resolved that the 26th annuol session of the lodge was the finest and most harmonious meeting that any organization had ever had the pleasure of having. It was further resolved that inasmuch as Rev. A. A. Miller, R. W. F. I., had done so much for the uplift of falling humanity thru the lodge of which he is the founder and director, that within forty days of the close of the session, the lodge present him an automobile. This resolution was unamiously adopted. Thru the recommendations of the committee $100 was donated to father Miller for personal use; $75.00 to Mrs. Miller, Right Worth Mother, and $230.000 to Father Miller in new furniture for his home.

,The committee on Condolence reported that 46 members have died during the year. After fitting eulogies over these deceased members, $250.00 was voted to defray expenses of the Grand Lodge session. The convention then adjourned and at night every member and delegate repaired to Booker T. Washington high school auditorium where a sumptuous banquet was enjoyed.

Wednesday morning the delegates entrained for their several homes after a pleasant stay in the city.

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FRATERNAL MEN OF ALL RACES PARADE ON 5TH AVE.

Elks, Masons, Pythians and Odd Fellows in Line With Eureka Temple

MAYOR HYLAN APPLAUDS MARCHERS

100,000 Fraternal Men Participate in Parade, Which Ends City's Silver Jubilee. Held at the Grand Central Palace

By OSCAR JEROME BENSON

As a precedent over all other parades held in this city, the last feature of New York City's Silver Jubilee, a parade of fraternal organizations, comprising men of all races, proceeded down Fifth avenue Saturday afternoon, marching through a cheering multitude of a million spectators, loudly applauded by Mayor Hylan and a host of public officials, stepping to the tunes of 200 brass bands, with emblems and colors flying, nearly 100,000 marchers furnished a commendable scene which deeply impressed thousands.

All organizations were well received along the line of march, but when the division composed of colored men and women swung down the famous avenue, the conventional applause culminated into great acclamation. At the press stand opposite the grand stand this was well observed in the outward appreciation of Mayor Hylan and others, who seemed evidently very felicitous as the various organizations of our race filed by.

Dr. Hudson J. Oliver headed the division, having as his chief aids Exalted Rulers James H. Bacon and George S. Felder. The first section was composed of the officers of the Improved Benevolent Protective Order of Elks, with Grand Esquire Joseph Brown commanding, and the members of Monarch Lodge of that order.

The Elks, dressed in Palm Beach suits or blue serge coats and white flannel trousers, marched snappily to the tune of a jazz band. They were followed by the women's auxiliary of the lodge in white and purple hats and gowns. The members of Brooklyn Lodge wore blue coats and white flannel trousers and the women white and lavender satin. A white poodle in a purple silk blanket made a hit by cakewalking on his two hind legs past the reviewing stand.

The Prince Hall Masons were headed by the Ascension Commandery and its band, all wearing white plumed hats. The body of the Masons were dressed in black with derby hats and marched in a measured pace that contrasted with the more sprightly gait of the Elks. The Knights of Pythias closed the division.

The division formed at 87th street and marched to 26th street and Fifth avenue. The Eureka Temple of Elks, composed of lady marchers, were conspicuous all along the route. The Monarch, Imperial and Pythian bands are also deserving of special mention considering the applause of the million spectators as a criterion for a decision. For the bands sure did make an extraordinary hit with the Fifth avenue crowds.

The grand stand, stretched ten city blocks, was jammed.

Mayor Hylan, Miss Evangeline Booth of the Salvation Army, and William H. Woodin, chairman of the Finance and Advisory Committee of the Celebration Committee, reviewed the parade. With them were most of the city officials, including Borough President Julius Miller of Manhattan, Borough President Edward Riegelmann of Brooklyn, William J. Flynn, Commissioner of Public Works of the Bronx; Dock Commissioner John H. Delaney, City Chamberlain Philip Berolzheimer, Commissioner of Accounts David Hirshfield and Health Commissioner Frank J. Monaghan. Grover A. Whalen, Commissioner of Plant and Structures, was Grand Marshal. Alderman George W. Harris and Assemblyman Henri Shields were the only two colored officials.

SECRET FRATERNALISM AMONG NEGROES

Mosaic Guide

Secret Fraternalism among Negroes is simply a business enterprise, it is the attempt of the race to focus its business energes and utilize the dormant powers of the race. It has been said by those less friendly to the race that Secrete Societies were being used by the leaders of the race to so organize the Negro people for destructive ends; to, in a word, resist the onslaught of prejudice of other races; but such is not the purpose of Negro fraternalism. The Negro has not reached the point where he has organized either to commit crime or to ward off impositions heaped upon him. He has been content to strive to build himself up along moral, mental and financial lines. As a race he is not criminal he rather suffers in the race of organized ability to avenge himself. In fact the Negro is christian and some how believes that in due time God will rectify the wrongs and bring him into his own. Therefore in his halls and lodges he never thinks of racial rebellion or vengeance The secret order among Negroes will continue for many years to come to be simply business enterprises and will never be converted into an organization such as the I. W. W. and others that resort to destruction.

Little Rock, Ark.

500 NEGROES TO MEET.

FORREST CITY, Ark., Sept. 26.—Lee Avant of Forrest City, one of the negro leaders of Eastern Arkansas, a substantial citizen, will call early in October, a state fraternal convention for working out plans to help the farmers, industrial and fraternal workers. The institution was organized some 60 years ago, to improve the negro morally, economically, religiously and educationally.

"This institution has laid out within the last few years to widows, orphans, on real estate and the like, more than $75,000," said Grand Master Lee Avant. It stands ready today to help the country remedy any of its present economic ills. It believes in doing more than burying the dead.

Rev. J. H. Clayborn, editor of the Friendship Banner, one of the south's most widely circulated negro weeklies, is the official press reporter. He will deliver one of the principal addresses during the convention, subject, "Play the Game." Other speakers are Revs. O. L. Moody, presiding elder of the Helena district, A. M. E. Church; E. J. Lunon, presiding elder, Forest City district, B. of W. L. Rurifon, founder imperial council of Jugamos; W. F. Lovelace secretary, home missionary board, Baptist Church; Dr. R. A. Williams, founder, Royal Circle; Hon. C. L. Jones, grand master, Miss. Brg. Hall Randolph, Memphis, Tenn.; Rev. B. J. Perkins, national grand master, Memphis, Tenn. This institution has never produced a traitor to the American government. It is 100 per cent American; stands for law and order and negro uplift; its oficers are assets rather than liabilities, leaders of the negro race.

Memphis, Tenn. 7-23-23

THE ORDERS IN ALABAMA SHOULD PROVE THEIR STRENGTH FOR A LARGER AND MORE HELPFUL GROWTH

Birmingham Reporter

The fraternal institutions of the South were brought into existence primarily and substantially for social contact of the humbler group of the South and to do charity to the less fortunate members of that group. This is true especially as it regards the Negro fraternities.

The fraternal orders, as such, are not complete cosmopolitan institutions, as is sometimes heralded throughout the country. Certainly the ties, the forms, the plans and the degrees of the fraternity are equal and the same. But the charitable organization has its circles, its degrees, its ranks and distinctions. The fraternal orders are as high-classed as any other social organization in America. But there is a tie known only to the fraternity that distinguishes it more pronouncedly than the public social function. Regardless to the height and the degree that the fraternal member may obtain, he cannot and will not cease to hear the voice or fail to feel the touch of the humblest member in the rank. In its last and best analysis, it's a fraternal brotherhood more nearly approaching blood kinship than any other institution that gathers members for mutual association. It is therefore possible within these ranks, and through these heads, to accomplish great things for the people, the race, and the nation. Birmingham, Ala.

In Alabama there is nearly a quarter of a million men and women who are identified with the fraternities. The men and women who head these orders are of the unusual kind with experience and service that fit them for the herculean task of uniting their forces for a larger and more helpful growth, and a better expression of race worth, unity, trust, and solidarity of interest.

The heads should be together for a greater profit and protection for the members. 7-15-23

One institution may not be able to continue large developments and investments, but the combined strength of these fraternities could be constantly improving the condition for Negro life in Alabama by developing and operating institutions through which our girls and boys may find a livelihood in keeping with their training and ability.

Funds lying idle in banks are a guarantee and protection to the charities intended by the fraternaties.

Money properly invested in commercial securities and race development is a greater guarantee and surety to the charity, or charaties, to be protected by the funds. The policies carried on the lives of the members are recognized as a fraternal insurance policy and that means a brotherhood insurance that is intended and paid for as a charitable investment.

The aggregate of such a large number of men, women and children should be at this stage of our development where confidence is secure, and the interest can be protected and be used to greater purpose than the mere hoarding of dollars and providing places for a few officers. This is all necessary and the fraternity could not exist without officers, and they well paid. There is a larger duty and consideration at the door of such an important factor in our race life as the fraternal institutions of Alabama.

It might be well for the heads to confer from time to time in order to ascertain how they may be even now beneficial to each other. When one institution has large sums of money and the other organization in need of such sums, it would be the part of wisdom and fraternal as well as business co-operation to negotiate within the the fraternities and keep the profits circulating within the group. None would object to this; all, we believe, would approve it.

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Great Southern Fraternal Union.

LITTLE ROCK ARK DEMOCRAT
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NEGRO SOCIETY HEARS REPORTS

The Great Southern Fraternal Union, negro, held its second day session on Wednesday in its temple on West Ninth street. The day was devoted to reports from the various state officers and deputies, as well as reports from the various committees. The state medical director, Dr. G. W. Hayman, made an address touching his work, dwelling largely on the subject of health and sanitation, stating that a number of applications for membership had been rejected for various diseases.

Memorial services were conducted on Wednesday night at the Arch Street Baptist church, the Rev. A. H. Addington, state chaplain, delivering the sermon. The unveiling of a monument by Rosie McDade, grand treasurer, was one of the features of the evening service. Thursday afternoon the officers will be elected, after the dedication of the temple. A parade from Little Rock to North Little Rock is also scheduled for the afternoon.

Among the visitors were B. F. Peyton, grand master of the Daniels, and I. B. Bolden, grand master of the Magons.

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Independent Order of Good Samaritans.

SAMARITANS MEET IN OHIO

Savannah Tribune

Savannah Representatives Left Tuesday

8-30-23
Savannah, Ga.

The Savannah representatives to the national grand lodge of I. O. of G. S and D. of S., which meets in Cleveland Ohio, Sept. 3-7, left Tuesday night for Atlanta where the other Georgia delegates will assemble.

The delegates from Georgia, Florida and South Carolina will mobilize in Atlanta and travel from there to Cleveland. A short stop will be made in Chattanooga, Tenn.

The party leaving Savannah consisted of Rev. G. H. Stokes, O. Sentinel Mrs. Minnie Binyard, Capt Edna E Smith, ladies drill corps, Mesdames Annie Monroe, District representative; J. Herns Hill, Dora McCoy and L. C. Tanslow, constitutional members.

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RAILROAD RATES GRANTED FOR ANNUAL CONCLAVE OF COLLEGE MEN AND WOMEN

Largest Number Ever At a Single Event Will Be In Attendance. Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity and Delta Sigma Theta Sorority To Meet In Same City.

WASHINGTON ,D. C. — Assurance that the largest number of Colored college men and women ever to be gathered in convention is made evident by the granting by the railroads of the country of a reduced rate to the members and friends of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity who are to attend the sixteenth annual convention of this fraternity which will be held in Columbus, Ohio, during the period of December 27th to 31st, inclusive, 1923. It happens that during this same period the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, of which Dr. Sadie T. Mossell is National President and which has some twenty odd chapters with a total membership of approximately five hundred, will also be holding annual convention at Columbus, Ohio., this bringing together for the first time in Negro college life the largest number of college men and women of the Race at a single event, who are in attendance at the great American Colleges and Universities.

St. Louis Clarion

St. Louis, Mo.

10-26-23

According to the announcement by National Secretary Norman L. McGhee of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity the rate reduction is based upon the certificate plan, which provides that when ticket is purchased for the going journey at the straight fare request is made for a certificate which upon validation by him at the meeting will be accepted with payment of one-half fare for the return ticket, causing the round trip to be secured at one and one-half fare. This certificate rate will apply to members and friends of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity.

The great growth which has been made in college fraternity organizations during the past year, which growth especially applies to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity as there have been organized eight additional chapters during 1923, making a total of 49 chapters with a membership of nearly 3,000, will cause an even larger attendance than was true last year when over 500 members attended the fifteenth annual convention at St. Louis, Mo., held by the Alpha Phi Alpha.

Among some of the important additions to the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity chapter roll are the chapters at Marquette University, Milwaukee Wis.; Johnson C. Smith University Charlotte, N. C.; Denver University, Denver, Colo.; and Morehouse College, Atlanta, Ga. and graduate chapters at Washington, D. C.; Winston-Salem N. C.; and Petersburg, Va.

From all indications very marked results are to come from this great conclave this year as the program which is being outlined for the sessions contemplates serious consideration of the outstanding problems facing the Colored people of America. The young men who are united together in this organization have pledged themselves to accept the responsibility incumbent upon those who are securing college training.

School Fraternities.

Pittsburgh Courier

9-29-23

Development Of College Frats Among Students of Educational Significance

Statistics Show 12 Distinct Organizations With 150 Chapters and 10,000 Members.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 27.—Statistics of the development of the college fraternity among Negro college students recently compiled by Norman L. McGhee, National Secretary of the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity, the first and oldest college fraternity organized by Negro students, are of significant interest to those engaged in educational work among colored people in the United States. This now important extra-curricula activity among colored students had its beginning in 1906 at Cornell University, Ithaca, New York, when a group of Negro college students formed the Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity at that institution

Eleven Fraternities Organized Since 1906 — Howard University is Mother of 10 Organizations

Since 1906, there have been organized by colored college students three other national college fraternities, the Kappa Alpha Psi in 1910 at Indiana University; the Omega Psi Phi in 1911 at Howard University, the first to be organized at a university primarily for Negro student and the Phi Beta Sigma in 1914 at Howard University. In addition to these three college fraternities, there have been organized three national college sororities, the Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first such organization among colored college women, in 1908, at Howard University; the Delta Sigma Theta in 1913 at Howard University, and the Zeta Phi Beta in 1920 at Howard University. There have also been organized by colored students three men's professional fraternities, the Chi Delta Mu by medical students; the Tau Delta Sigma by law school students; and the Cusp and Crown by dental students. Also there have been organized two women's professional sororities, the Rho Psi Phi by medical students and the Epsilon Sigma Iota by law school students. All of these professional fraternities and sororities were organized at Howard University. It is interesting to note that of the twelve fraternity organizations among colored students ten were organized by students of Howard University, the two exceptions being the Alpha Phi Alpha and the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Over 75 Prominent American Colleges and Universities Have Chapters of Colored College Fraternities

According to the statistics compiled by Mr. McGhee, practically every important American college and university is represented in the chapter roster of the twelve colored fraternities and sororities, Howard University being represented on the chapter roster of all of them, each having a chapter located at that school. The statistics all show that of the twelve fraternities and sororities at Howard University, four of the college fraternities, two of the college sororities and three of the professional fraternities occupy chapter houses, those occupying chapter houses being Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Chi Delta Mu and Tau Delta Sigma among the fraternities, and Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta among the sororities.

Fraternities Cover Immense Territory

The potency and importance of college fraternity organization in Negro college life is to be noted from the wide territory which such organizations cover as is shown by the number of colleges and universities in which they are located. The rosters of these organizations show that Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma have chapters at Howard University, Lincoln University, Meharry Medical College and Temple University; Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Phi have chapters at Virginia Union University, New York University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, New York City College, Syracuse University, University of California, University of Minnesota, Johnson C. Smith University, Atlanta University, Yale University, Harvard University, Amherst College, University of Michigan and Talladega College; Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi have chapters at the University of Indiana, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, Ohio State University, Wilberforce University, Northwestern University, University of Kansas, Columbia University, University of Chicago, Morehouse College, University of Michigan and West Virginia Collegiate Institute and Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma have chapters at Wiley University.

The organizations that have chapters at schools where only one fraternity exists are Kappa Alpha Psi, with chapters at the University of Nebraska and Washburn College; Omega Psi Phi with a chapter at Pennsylvania State College; Phi Beta Sigma, with chapters at Morgan College, Kansas State College, Morris Brown University, N. C. Agricultural and Technical College, and George R. Smith College; and Alpha Phi Alpha, with chapters at the University of California, University of Colorado, Denver University, Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh, Case School of Applied Science, Western Reserve University, Ohio University, University of Cincinnati, Brown University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, State College of Iowa, Springfield College, Detroit College of Law, Purdue University, Depauw University, Butler College and Marquette University.

Sororities Also Cover Wide Area

The territory covered by the sororities among colored college women is almost equally as extensive, the Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Delta Sigma Theta having chapters at Howard University, Wilberforce University, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati, University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh, University of California and the University of Southern California; the schools at which only one sorority exists are the University of Iowa, Syracuse University, Cornell University and the University of Nebraska, with chapters of Delta Sigma Theta; the University of Illinois, University of Kansas, Butler College, and Meharry Medical College, with chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha; and Morris Brown University, Kansas State College, Morgan College, Columbia University, Wiley University, with chapters at the Zeta Phi Beta, this sorority also having chapters at Howard University, Temple University and Ohio University.

Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities Now List Four National Negro College Fraternities

A few years ago the Alpha Phi Alpha was the only national Negro college fraternity listed in Baird's Manual of American College Fraternities. There appears in the tenth edition of this manual which was recently published the description of three additional national college fraternities among colored college students. The twelve fraternities among colored college students have a total of over 150 chapters at the various colleges and universities throughout the United States with an estimated membership of nearly 10,000. The force and influence of these organizations during the past few years has been exerted in a way which is now at work on a program to be of very great service in the educational life of the colored people of this country. Recently there was formed an Inter-Fraternity Council in the interest of higher scholarship

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Afro-American News

THE public meeting of the Alpha ... Fraternity, which has been in session since Thursday, will be held at 8 o'clock this evening at the Chamber of Commerce Auditorium. These meetings are held at each annual session of the general convention, in order that the public may become better acquainted with the purposes and the members.

Addresses will be made by the general president, S. S. Booker, of Baltimore, and Robeft L. Vann, attorney of Pittsburgh. Musical numbers will be furnished by quartets from the Cleveland chapter, under the direction of George Koran, and the Columbus chapter, under the direction of Attorney Leroy H. Godman. Mrs. Florence Cole Talbert, a member of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, is booked for one number, with Samuel H. Stewart at the piano.

The following have been in attendance: Dr. Channing H. Tobias of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A.; Dr. W. S. Scarborough, former president of Wilbertorce University, now at the head of a federal commission for the betterment of farming among negroes in the United States, Washington, D. C.; Dr. J. E. Gregg, president of Wilberforce University; George B. Kelly of Troy, N. Y., one of the founders of Alpha Phi Alpha; Eugene Kinkle Jones, executive secretary of the National Urban League; Dr. J. E. Mooreland, formerly of the international committee of the Y. M. C. A., and E. A. Malone, founder and president of Poro College of St. Louis. Dr. Sadie Tanner Alexander, national president of Delta Sigma Theta, is booked for an address.

Professor J. Arnett Mitchell, principal of the Champion Ave. School, will preside. Seats will be reserved for members of the Kappa Alpha Psi, Delta, Sigma Theta, Alpha Kappa Alpha and their guests in the center of the auditorium with the members of Alpha Phi Alpha. The public is invited.

Misses Grace Woodson and Christine Jennings of Wilberforce are the guests of Mrs. Essie Hamilton, 138 S. Davis Ave.

There will be a regular communication of St. Mark's Lodge No. 7, F. and A. M., Tuesday night.

Eleventh St. M. E. Church, J. W. Chinn, pastor. Services, 9:15 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., Epworth League; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Second Baptist Church, Joseph B. Pius, pastor. Services, 9 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., preaching; 6 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Wheatland Ave. M. E. Church, J. L. Thompson, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching; 6 p. m., Epworth League; 7 p. m., preaching.

Tremont Temple, Parsons Ave. and Engler St., B. Whitney Clarke, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., sermon; 6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 8 p. m., sermon.

Caldwell Temple, A. M. E. Zion Church, Parsons and McAllister Aves., H. Preston Whitehead, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Bethany Baptist Church, George Washington, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., B. Y. P. U.; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Christian Spiritualist Church, 689 E. Long St., Bertha Crear, pastor. Services 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. Lecture and messages.

Join our 1924 Christmas Savings Club. Adelphi Building & Loan Co. —Adv.

Mt. Vernon Ave. A. M. E. Church, A. J. Allen, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., Allen Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Union Grove Baptist Church, N. Champion Ave., R. Doyle Phillips, pastor. Services, 9:30 a. m., Sunday school; 10:30 a. m., preaching; 6:30 p. m., young folks' meeting; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Miss Lillian G. Lomans, 700 E. Long St., and brother are visiting their parents and friends in Virginia and Tennessee.

Robert T. Smith, 457 E. Noble St., has been appointed deputy clerk in the office of Harry B. Lamon, who assumes office as clerk of the municipal court Tuesday. Mr. Smith is a Mason, a member of the board of trustees of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 434 E. Main St., and a member of the committee of management of the Spring St. "Y." He is also active in Sunday school work.

St. Paul's A. M. E. Church, J. S. Jackson, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m., preaching; 12:15 p. m., Sunday school, Baraca, Philathea and pastor's Bible classes; 5:30 p. m., junior Christian Endeavor; 6:30 p. m., senior Christian Endeavor; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 434 E. Main St., H. J. Starks, pastor. Services—9:45 a. m., Sunday school; 10:40 a. m., preaching; 6:45 p. m., young folks' meeting; 7:45 p. m., preaching.

Bethany Presbyterian Church, Henry W. Cooper, pastor. Services, 10:30 a. m., preaching; 12:15 p. m., Sunday school; 7:30 p. m., preaching.

Wesleyan Methodist Church, Gay St. and Washington Ave. Services, 9:45 a. m. Sunday school; 10:45 a. m., preaching; 6:45 p. m., Christian Endeavor; 7:45 p. m., preaching.

St. Philip's Episcopal Church, Lexington Ave., H. W. Smith, rector. Services, 7:30 a. m., holy communion; 9:15 a. m., church school; 10:30 a. m., morning prayer and sermon; 5 p. m., evening prayer and address.

There will be a rally today at the First M. E. Church at Urbancrest beginning at 9:30 a. m. with Sunday school; 11 a. m., preaching by Rev. Mr. J. Golden; 2 p. m., women's aids and missionary meetings; 3 p. m., platform meeting with Rev. Messrs. G. W. Washington, D. H. V. Purnell, J. Green and others speaking; 7:30 p. m., preaching. Rev. Mr. H. White is the pastor. Rev. Mr. J. H. Payne is in charge for the day.

Professor J. Cleveland Lemons presented a class of pupils Thursday evening in a memory contest at his studio, 257 N. Twenty-first St.

Owing to the interest shown in the Ohio dancing contest to be held New Year's afternoon at Memorial Hall the directors of the contest have created a special class for colored dancers. This will be open to any colored dancer of the buck and wing, waltz, clog, soft shoe or eccentric dance, of either sex, above 14 years of age. First prize will be $30 cash and second prize $15 cash. Close to 30 white dancers from all parts of the state will be entered in another class. Reserved seats will go on sale at 12 o'clock New Year's day at Memorial Hall. Eddie Mitchell's orchestra will play.

The Pierrian Coterrie Club will met Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. Ruth Robinson, 859 E. Long St.

The Woman's Mite ...ssionary Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church will serve a turkey dinner from 11 a. m. to 9 p. m. Tuesday at the home of Mrs. George W. Tush, 116 N. Seventeenth St. Mrs. G. W. Tush is president and Mrs. Florence Espy is chairman of the committee in charge.

Mrs. I. N. Farley, 164 Hamilton Ave., entertained Friday with a luncheon at 1 p. m. honoring Miss Cecelia Chancellor, 1275 E. Long St., and her guests, Misses Helen Green of Cleveland and Gladys Mess of Cincinnati.

Alla Baba Temple will watch the old year out and the new one in tomorrow night at Memorial Hall with their annual ball. Special music will be furnished.

The Woman's Mite Missionary Society of St. Paul's A. M. E. Church will meet at 2:30 p. m. Thursday at the church. The members are urged to be present.

Mrs. Florence V. Espy and Miss Blanche M. VanHook spent Christmas the guests of friends and relatives at Springfield and Urbana.

Mrs. Frank Gardner of Toledo is spending the holidays the guest of her daughter, Mrs. J. W. Williams, 955 E. Long St.

Mrs. Frank L. Reynolds, 73 N. Seventeenth St., spent Christmas at Urbana, the guest of her sister.

Enjoyable was the dancing party given by Miss Cecelia Chancellor, 1275 E. Long St., Wednesday night at Odd Fellows' Hall, honoring Misses Helen Green of Cleveland and Gladys Moss of Cincinnati, her guests. Three hundred guests were present. Miss Helen Washington presided at the punch bowl.

Beginning at 8 o'clock Friday evening evangelistic services will be conducted at the Caldwell Chapel A. M. E. Zion Church by Rev. Dr. W. W. Deener and wife of Washington, D. C. They have been styled by the press of that city as "two of the greatest evangelists of their race." Capacity audiences have greeted their appearance at the various churches. Special music will be furnished by a mixed choir, among whom will be Mrs. Anna Cox, contralto. The public is invited.

The following were elected officers of Alla Baba Temple, Oasis of Columbus, Thursday evening at the annual meeting: Attorney Raymond E. Hughes, illustrious potentate; Dr. Harold E. H. Dickinson, chief rabban; James O. Webb, assistant chief rabban; Charles Cain, high priest and prophet; George W. Bowman oriental guide; John P. Bowles, illustrious recorder; Joseph D. Cabaniss, illustrious treasurer. Retiring Illustrious Potentate J. J. Lee was elected representative to the Imperial Council which meets at Pittsburgh in August. Past Illustrious Potentate Robert F. Jones was elected alternate.

The following were appointed by the illustrious potentate: Frank Moffett, first ceremonial master; Roy White, second ceremonial master; J. B. Tyler, captain of the guard; Isaac Stroud, outer guard, and Robert K. Stephens, jr., marshal.

There will be a regular convocation of Johnson Chapter R. A. M. No. 3 Jan. 7. Members are urged to be present.

The woman's missionary convention of the fifth district meets at 3 p. m. today at the Macedonia Baptist Church, 400 W. Goodale St., of which Rev. R. G. Orr is the pastor. Sermon will be preached by Rev. George Washington. Mrs. Elizabeth Adams is the president, Mrs. N. C. Smith the chairman.

Thomas Thaxton of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. Cleveland Lemons, 257 N. Twenty-first St.

Professor J. Arnett Mitchell, principal of Champion Ave. School, attended the farewell dinner given by Phi Beta Kappa Fraternity Wednesday at the Chittenden Hotel, honoring Rev. Dr. Irving Maurer.

Proceeds of the charity dance recently given by Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority will be used to erect a sign for the Blue Triangle Center of the Y. W. C. A. at their new home, 690 E. Long St. The Patronesses' Club of the sorority, composed of Mesdames C. W. Bryant, chairman, R. B. Williams, N. B. Allen and R. A. Johnston, has been responsible for the awarding of a scholarship at Ohio State University to Miss Viola Jefferson, 1283 E. Long St.

Miss Myrma Ramsey has returned to her home at Grand Rapids, Mich., after a two weeks' visit with her aunt, Mrs. Robert Goode, 1109 E. Long St.

The marriage of Miss Catherine Chapman, daughter of Mrs. John Chapman of Rio Grande, and J. W. Long, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Long, 224 W. Frambes Ave., was solemnized Monday evening at the residence of Rev. Dr. R. Doyle Phillips, Galloway Ave. A dinner was given Christmas day in their honor at the home of the bridegroom. Covers were laid for eight. Mr. and Mrs. Long are at home at 292 N. Champion Ave.

The Savilla Club will give its New Year's ball, Tuesday evening, at Memorial Hall, starting at 8:30. Miss Dorothy Saunders will be featured in a ballet dance, "The Passing of the Old and the Coming of the New." Special music will be furnished for the evening.

Miss Thelma Scott will open a studio in voice culture, after Jan. 15, at 228 N. Garfield Ave.

The Royal Social Club will hold their regular meeting Thursday. Members are urged to be present. Louis Harris is the president.

A New Year's eve ball will be given tomorrow night at Odd Fellows' Hall by the Pleasure Promoters. There will be special music from 8:30 p. m. to 1 a. m.

Miss Mable Payne will open a studio in classic dancing after Jan. 15, at 222 N. Garfield Ave. Instruction wil be given in classic toe, Spanish toe, jazz toe, interpretive and apache dancing.

Secret Societies — 1923.

United Brothers and Sisters of the African Race.

LITTLE ROCK, ARK. GAZETTE
AUGUST 23, 1923

NEGRO LODGE CONVENES

Three-Day Session Is Presided Ove by National Grand Master.

The ninth annual session of the Unit ed Brothers and Sisters of the Africa Race, negro, convened at King Solo mon's Baptist church, Thirteenth an Pine streets, yesterday. J. S. Gilberts national grand master, presided. Abou 200 dlegates were present. Finances were reported to be in good condition. The convention will remain in session until tomorrow night.

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School Fraternities.

KAPPA ALPHA PSI MEN IN TWELFTH ANNUAL MEETING

Chicago Chapter Makes Visitors Feel at Home; Society Entertains Throngs

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Chicago Ill.

Chicago was the scene of an interesting convention which was held by one of our largest college fraternities in the country. It was the twelfth annual session of Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity, whose growth has been very rapid since its beginning in 1911. Over 200 delegates came from the 35 chapters located at the leading universities of the country, such as Columbia, Pennsylvania, Chicago, Illinois, Iowa, Indiana, Kansas, Northwestern, Michigan, Ohio, Nebraska, Purdue, Butler, Wilberforce, Lincoln, Meharry, Washburn and Morehouse.

The annual grand chapter was held at the Kappa Kastle on Kalumet. An interesting program, which began Dec. 25 and closed Dec. 30, was arranged. Some of the prominent men who gave high-class talks were Frank L. Gillespie and W. Ellis Stewart, president and secretary, respectively, of Liberty Life Insurance company; Dr. A. Wilberforce Williams, Hon. Robert S. Abbott, editor of the Chicago Defender; Attorney J. Ernest Wilkins, Dean Dudley W. Woodard, Howard university; E. W. Diggs and Irven Armstrong, past grand polemarchs.

A number of prominent out-of-town men were in attendance. They were as follows: Dr. O. A. Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. J. A. Miller, Detroit, Mich.; Attorney R. L. Bailey, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Charles Phillips, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. William H. Perry, Jr., Louisville, Ky.; Attorney Chester K. Gillespie, Cleveland, Ohio; Eugene Corbie, New York City; Irven Armstrong, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. H. L. Wallace, Columbus, Ohio; Ralph W. Tyler, Cleveland, Ohio; Dr. Terrell, Detroit, Mich.; Prof. E. W. Diggs, Indianapolis, Ind.; H. W. Hollie, Lawrence, Kan.; Prof. B. K. Armstrong, Langston, Okla.; R. M. Van Dyne, Topeka, Kan.; Dr. Jesse Peters, St. Louis, Mo.; Lionel F. Artis, Indianapolis, Ind.; Prof. George F. David, Wilberforce, Ohio; Edgar G. Brown, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Whitfield, Cleveland, Ohio; Prof. E. H. Colbert, St. Louis, Mo.; Dr. Theodore Cable, Indianapolis, Ind.; Dr. Howard, Detroit, Mich.; H. W. Jamieson, Peoria, Ill.

Among some of the important legislation enacted by the grand chapter was the adoption of a national "guide right" movement—a movement to guidt the growth of the Race in the proper selection of their life work; and the adoption of a plan whereby fraternity houses at the universities above enumerated could be purchased by the grand chapter.

The officers elected to guide the destinies of the fraternity for the next year are:

Grand polemarch, W. Ellis Stewart, secretary Liberty Life Insurance company, Chicago; grand vice-polemarch, Dr. O. A. Taylor, Cleveland, Ohio; grand keeper of records and exchequer, Attorney J. Ernest Wilkins, Chicago; grand strategus, H. W. Hollie, Lawrence, Kan.; grand lieutenant-strategus, C. F. Gayles, Atlanta, Ga.; members of grand board of directors, Dr. Jesse Peters, St. Louis, Mo.; Prof. B. K. Armstrong, Langston, Okla., and Dr. J. A. Miller, Detroit, Mich.; editor-in-chief, Kappa Alpha Psi Journal, Lionel F. Artis, Indianapolis, Ind.

Louisville, Ky., was selected as the next place of meeting for the annual grand chapter.

ALPHA KAPPA ALPHA SORORITY AWARDS AN ANNUAL SCHOLARSHIP

St. Louis, Mo.
2-23-23

The public will remember with pleasure Hazel Harrison's creditable performance last spring at Poro Auditorium. Those present realized that they were listening to a pianist of no mean ability.

The proceeds from this recital were to be used for a scholarship fund fixed at one hundred dollars. It is now that the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority wishes to make known the receipts from this recital and to anounce the awarding of the scholarship. The financial report is as folows:

Receipts	$207.03
Expenses (Including $100 to artist)	131.24
Balance Cleared	$75.79
Deficit made up by AKA members..	$24.31
Total for Scholarship fund	$100.10

The Sorority feels that a large part of the success may be attributed to Mrs. A. E. Malone who so kindly donated Poro Auditorium .

We hope that the public will pardon our long delay, due partly to the difficulty brought about trying to dispose of the scholarship in the wisest way. The scholarship was first offered to Miss Margaret Hunter who later found it impossible to accept same. We are now pleased to announce the giving of our scholarship to Miss Clayda L. Carraway, who is now a student at the University of Chicago.

We wish to thank the public for its loyal support in helping to make this gift possible.

WOODHOUSE AND OWENS RE-ELECTED

Afro-American
1-5-23

Baltimoreans Again Elected President And Secretary Respectively Of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity

Baltimore, Md.

The Phi Beta Sigma convention closed its ninth annual session on Saturday after being entertained from December 29th to December 30 by Gamma Chapter of Morgan College and Zeta Sigma Chapter of the city. The sessions were held at Morgan College. The social features arranged by the local committee were enjoyed by the delegates representing twenty College and Alumni Chapters.

The convention endorsed the inter-fraternity conference and planned the establishment of the Douglass Scholarship Fund. It expressed regret at the failure of the passage of the Anti-Lynching Bill and passed resolutions denouncing the Ku Klux Klan.

In the absence of the president, the sessions were presided over by the vice president, Prof. P. M. Thompson of Norfolk, Va.

On Saturday morning greetings from the local Alumni Chapter of the Omega Phi Psi fraternity were delivered by the president, Mr. Linwood Koger.

Fraternal messages were received from the Alpha Phi Alpha Kappa Sorority meeting in their respective annual conventions.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: John W. Woodhous, Baltimore, president; George A. Owens, Baltimore, vice president; Prof. P. M. Thompson, Norfolk, Va.; secretary-treasurer, A. L. Taylor, Washington, D. C.; field secretary, Edward Johnson, Howard University; editor of the Journal.

The next convention will be held at Nashville, Tenn., Dec. 1923.

COLORED FRATERNITY BARRED AT SYRACUSE

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Colored Fraternity

New York Herald
3-1-23

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Crusader Service
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Chi Delta Mu 1924 Meeting in Baltimore

Chicago Defender
4/14/23.

Newark, N. J., April 13.—Delta chapter of New Jersey was host at the second annual convention of the Chi Delta Mu fraternity composed of medical, dental and pharmaceutical men held here April 3, 4 and 5 at the 13th Ave. Presbyterian church, 13th Ave. and Boston St. Three hundred delegates from all parts of the country were present and the convention was termed the most successful yet.

The big night of the meeting was Wednesday when the public was invited. Dr. J. Leroy Baxter was master of ceremonies. Following the invocation by the Rev. L. B. Ellerson, Dr. James B. Parks delivered the welcoming address. Others who spoke were Dr. E. C. Terry, Dr. Charles Humbert, Dr. O. B. Powell of New York, who delivered an excellent address on "The Value of the X-Ray to the Medical Profession"; Dr. Paul A. Collins, also of New York, who spoke on "The Need of the Negro Specialist," and Dr. B. Pride Hurst. Vocal selections were rendered by Bush Hunter, accompanied Mrs. Carl Flipper.

Another event to which laymen were admitted was the banquet held Thursday evening at the Capitol ball room on Broad St. While the dinner was invitational, it was well attended. Dr. J. B. Parks, president, presided at this affair. During the courses Ford Dabney's orchestra furnished entertainment.

The Chi Delta Mu was incorporated as an organization at Howard university in 1913 through the initial efforts of Dr. E. C. Terry and Dr. Charles R. Humbert, both of Washington. It has a membership of more than 1,000, with chapters over the entire country.

Baltimore was selected as the next convention city. Included among the delegates and visitors were some from as far west as Kansas City, Mo., and Boley, Okla. Other cities represented were Chicago, St. Louis, Boston, Kimball, W. Va., and Lawrence, Kan.

PHI BETA SIGMA AWARDS SCHOLARSHIP TO DABNEY

Chicago Defender
5-12-23

Washington, D. C., Aug. 3.—The general office of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity, through its field secretary, A. L. Taylor, has announced the awarding of the Douglass scholarship for 1923 to Thos. L. Dabney of Virginia Union University, Richmond, Va. Mr. Dabney is a member of the class of 1924. He is an active figure in student affairs, being president of the college literary society, treasurer of the Federation of Negro Students, state supervisor of the Phi Beta Sigma fraternity and student teacher of French.

The Douglass scholarship was established in 1920 as a memorial to Frederick Douglass. An essay contest is the method by which the winner is determined. This year the subject of the essay was "The Effect of the World War Upon Race Relationships Throughout the World." The establishment of the scholarship emphasizes the increasing usefulness of the Phi Beta fraternity in the life of the Colored students. The fraternity, through its 25 chapters and 1,000 members, seeks to serve mankind in terms of practical usefulness. What Phi Beta Sigma is doing for human uplift is but a part of the constructive work that is being done by the Colored fraternities and sororities for the advancement of education and in the deepening the sources of racial culture.

FRATERNITY GETS BEAUTIFUL QUARTERS AT UNIV. OF MICH

Chicago Defender
11-17-23

Ann Arbor, Mich., Nov. 16.—Phi chapter of the Omega Phi fraternity, located at the University of Michigan, has acquired a beautiful home. It is the first Race fraternity at this institution to have a chapter home as well as the first to receive recognition as a campus organization.

The house is located in one of the most exclusive sections of the city and is on a spacious green. It is built on the old New England plan and plans are being made to renovate the place from top to bottom. The mayor of Ann Arbor lives just across the street, while one of the next door neighbors is a professor in the university.

Last Saturday evening a formal opening of the house was celebrated. Mrs. De Hart Hubbard, wife of Michigan's greatest athlete, was among the guests.

Fraternity Offers $50.00 In Prize Essay Contest

Contest is Open to all High School Students—Closes May the 4th.

The Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity announced this week that the general body will offer $50 in prizes for the best essays on the subject, "Why a student should add a collegiate education to his high school training." The essay contest is being run in connection with the fraternity's annual Go to High School—Go to College Movement now being conducted.

All necessary information concerning the contest will be found in the current and subsequent issues of this paper. Contestants are urged to follow the progress through this paper and to familiarize themselves with the details.

There will be two prizes offered, first and second. The first prize is thirty dollars and the second is twenty dollars. Essays may be turned in until May 4th, at which time the contest closes. Essays arriving after that date will not receive consideration. Address all communications to "The Chairman of Go to High School—Go to College Movement, Box 66, Howard University, Washington, D. C.

As the contest closes May 4th the students have only three weeks in which to write their essays. A corps of competent judges is being selected and will include persons who stand high in educational circles.

Medical Sorority, Successful Term

Washington, D. C.—The Rho Psi Medical Sorority which is composed of colored women in the medical profession, reports a successful term.

Officers who have served this term: Ora Lomax Fisher, President. North Carolina; Mary J. Watkins, First Vice-President, New York; Bessie B. Badham, Second Vice-President, North Carolina; Marjorie Adams Sinkford, Secretary, West Virginia; Lula M. Jeter, Corresponding Secretary, Oklahoma; Letitia Gilliam; Treasurer, District of Columbia; Ruth Robinson, Chaplain, District of Columbia; Irene Patton, Sergeant-at-arms, Kentucky.

Trustees: Sadie V. Mason, Texas; A. J. Matthews, Stewart, Rhode Island; Laura Martin, West Virginia.

Other members in school here: Eva M. Zeigler, North Carolina; C. J. Smith, North Carolina; May C. King, South Carolina; M. Woods, Maryland; E. C. Beason, District of Columbia; W. McCleave, South Carolina; G. L. Coby, Colorada; Florence Brooks, Pennsylvania.

Two members initiated May 5th: Dr. M. Butler Weaver, Class '22, practicing Baltimore, Maryland; Dr. Theressa Fennell, Class '21, practicing Baltimore, Maryland.

Dr. Addie G. Williams, of New York who is preaticing there was initiated May 12th.

The Sorority has pledged One Hundred Dollars to Howard University. Twenty-Five Dollars of which has been paid.

It is evident that the Sorority is uniting women of the profession.

INTER-FRATERNAL MEET

Nashville, Tenn., Nov. 30.—The executive staff from each fraternity recently convened at Phi Beta Sigma [illegible] for the express purpose of bringing about a close relationship among the [illegible] President R. B. Jackson of Kappa Chapter, Phi Beta Sigma, presided. The different phases of fraternal life were discussed. This is the first meeting of its kind to be held in Nashville.

Among those present were: N. C. King, Alpha Phi Alpha; W. B. Green Chi Delta Mu; G. A. Price, H. E. Thomas, Kappa Alpha Psi; O. J. Champion, Omega Psi Phi; Dr. L. M. Lyons, Kappa Alpha sorority, and W. C. Crump, M. Dahney, L. M. Ervin A. M. Greenwood, J. R. Patterson, M. J. Washington, Phi Beta Sigma.

FRATERNITIES NOW HAVE MEMBERSHIP OF OVER 10,000

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 29.—Statistics of the development of the college fraternity among college students recently compiled by Norman L. McGhee, National Secretary of the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, the first and oldest college fraternity, are of significant interest to those engaged in educational work among colored people in the United States. This now important extra-curricula activity among colored students had its beginning in 1906 at Cornell University Ithaca, New York, when a group of college students formed the Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity at that institution.

Eleven Organized Since 1906

Since 1906, there have been organized by colored college students three other national college fraternities, the Kappa Alpha Psi in 1910 at Indiana University; the Omega Psi Phi in 19[illegible] at Howard University, the first to be organized at a university primarily for Negro students, and the Phi Beta Sigma in 1914 at Howard University In addition to these three college fraternities, there have been organized three national college sororities, the Alpha Kappa Alpha, the first such organization among colored college women, in 1908 at Howard University; the Delta Sigma Theta in 191[illegible] at Howard University; and the Zeta Phi Beta in 1920 at Howard University. There have also been organized by colored students three men's professional fraternities, the Chi Delta Mu by medical students; the Tau Delta Sigma by law school students; and the Cusp and Crown by dental students. Also there have been organized two women's professional sororities, the Rho Psi Phi by medical students and the Epsilon Sigma Iota by law school students. All of these professional fraternities and sororities were organized at Howard University. It is interesting to note that of the twelve fraternity organizations among colored students ten were organized by students of Howard University, the two exceptions being the Alpha Phi Alpha and the Kappa Alpha Psi.

Over 75 Colleges Have Chapters

According to the statistics compiled by Mr. McGhee, practically every important American college and university is represented in the chapter roster of the twelve colored fraternities and sororities, Howard University being represented on the chapter roster of all of them, each having a chapter located at that school. The statistics all show that of the twelve fraternities and sororities at Howard University four of the college fraternities, two of the college sororities, and three of the professional fraternities occupy chapter houses, those occupying chapter houses being Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alpha Psi, Omega Psi Phi, Phi Beta Sigma, Chi Delta Mu, and Tau Delta Sigma among the fraternities, and Alpha Kappa Alpha and Delta Sigma Theta among the sororities.

Cover Immense Territory

The potency and importance of college fraternity organization in Negro college life is to be noted from the wide territory which such organizations cover as is shown by the number of colleges and universities in which they are located. The rosters of these organizations show that Alpha Phi Alpha, Kappa Alphi Psi, Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma have chapters at Howard University, Lincoln University, Meharry Medical College, and Temple University; Alpha Phi Alpha and Omega Psi Psi have chapters at Virginia Union University, New York University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Boston University, New York City College, Syracuse University, University of California, University of Minnesota, Johnson C. Smith University, Atlanta University, Yale University, Harvard University, Amherst College, University of Michigan, and Talladega College; Alpha Phi Alpha and Kappa Alpha Psi have chapters at the University of Indiana, University of Illinois, University of Iowa, Ohio State University, Wilberforce University, Northwestern University, University of Kansas, Columbia University, University of Chicago, Morehouse College, University of Michigan, and West Virginia Collegiate Institute; and Omega Psi Phi and Phi Beta Sigma have chapters at Wiley University.

The organizations that have chapters at schools where only one fraternity exists are Kappa Alpha Psi, with chapters at the University of Nebraska and Washburn College; Omega Psi Phi with a chapter at Pennsylvania State College; Phi Beta Sigma, with chapters at Morgan College, Kansas State College, Morris Brown University of Colorado, Denver University, College, and George R. Smith College; and Alpha Phi Alpha with chapters at the University of California, University of Colorado, Denver University, Cornell University, University of Pittsburgh, Case School of Applied Science, Western Reserve University, Ohio University, University of Cincinnati, Brown University, Carnegie Institute of Technology, State College of Iowa, Springfield College, Detroit College of Law, Purdue University, Depauw University, Butler College, and Marquette University.

Sororities Cover Wide Area

The territory covered by the sororities among colored college women is almost equally as extensive, the Alpha Kappa Alpha and the Delta Sigma Theta having chapters at Howard University, Wilberforce University, University of Pennsylvania, Ohio State University, University of Cincinnati University of Chicago, University of Michigan, University of Pittsburgh University of California, and the University of Southern California; the schools at which only one sorority exists are the University of Iowa, Syracuse University, Cornell University and the University of Nebraska, with chapters of Delta Sigma Theta; the University of Illinois, University of Kansas, Butler College, and Meharry Medical College, with chapters of Alpha Kappa Alpha; and Morris Brown University, Kansas State College, Morgan College, Columbia University, Wiley University, with chapters of the Zeta Phi Beta, this sorority also having chapters at Howard University, Temple University and Ohio University.